

Bar 5 Negroes from Florida Jury

OCALA, Fla., Feb. 12.—Florida white supremacist justice "celebrated" Lincoln's birthday today by keeping five of the six prospective Negro jurors off the jury in the

5,600 Walk Out At Rubber Firm Over Speedup

DETROIT, Feb. 12.—For the third time in a week, 5,600 CIO workers at the U.S. Rubber Co., walked out today in a fight against speedup. Last Thursday and Friday the workers walked off the job when the speedup beef was not settled. The union leadership got them to agree to return to work yesterday on the grounds that state and federal mediators were settling the beef.

Today the workers are out again.

Pickets Halt Work on New U.S. Steel Plant

MORRISVILLE, Pa., Feb. 12.—Construction work on the U. S. Steel Corp.'s new Fairless Works was at a standstill for the second day today as 7,000 workers again refused to cross picket lines.

A jurisdictional issue raised by the Trenton, N. J. Local 68 of the Ironworkers Union has been referred to the national joint board for the settlement of jurisdictional disputes by the Philadelphia Building and Construction Trades Council (AFL).

9,000 at Ford in Canada Weigh Strike

By WILLIAM ALLAN

WINDSOR, Canada, Feb. 12.—Nine thousand Ford workers will weigh a strike tonight as the company refused, after one year of negotiations, to grant union demands.

One year ago, United Auto Workers Ford Local 200 started talks on a new contract and a 30-cents-an-hour wage increase demand. The workers want a plant-wide form of seniority.

Thirty-two shop leaders have been fired in the last year and 3,000 workers laid off. The 32 were fired for leading actions in the shop. Six of them face trials in the criminal courts.

The company's Canadian president, Rhys Sales, is known as one of Canada's leading warmongers and a McCarthy type of red-baiter. The union here has charged repeatedly that Sales plots to smash local 200.

A meeting of shop stewards will be held tonight and some form of action is expected with the next short period of time as both the local union leadership and the workers think one year is enough to be spent in bargaining.

QUEENS RAISES \$5,000 IN WEEK FOR DEFENSE OF 17

A contribution of \$5,000, raised in a week's time by the Queens County Communist Party, \$2,000 of it from non-party opponents of the Smith Act, was turned in yesterday to the \$100,000 emergency fund for the defense of New York and Pittsburgh victims of the thought-control Act.

Officials of the Queens County CP said they were acting quickly in response to the emergency appeal for \$100,000 in the hope that their example would inspire other party organizations to similar swiftness. In addition they called attention to the fact that almost half of the \$5,000 contribution came from general sources, declaring that timidity in approaching people was fatal. Many patriotic Americans, they said, who did not customarily give to defense funds were glad to give to

trials of Walter Lee Irvin. Irvin is the only surviving Negro victim of the Groveland, Fla. "rape" frameup. He is still suffering from the wounds he suffered when he was shot and a co-defendant, Samuel Shepherd, was killed by Sheriff Willis McCall while they were being moved preparatory to the new trial ordered by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Two of the Negro talesman were barred from the jury on peremptory challenges by the state prosecutor. Three others were kept off when they expressed opposition to capital punishment or declared they had definite opinions on Irvin's innocence or guilt.

One white juror, Francis V. Cook a former New York City policeman, was excused when he explained that because of his police training "It would be easier to lean toward conviction" of the Negro defendant.

A sixth Negro talesman was to be examined after a noon recess today. Thus far 25 talesman have been excused. There is a panel of 100.

Irvin declared during a recess in the proceedings, that he has been in such pain since he was crippled by Sheriff McCall's bullet that his right hand and right side of his body are "dead" and his body is wracked any time he moves. He said he "begged for two weeks" for an opportunity to see a doctor at the Ralston State Penitentiary.

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Nelson Acquitted In 'Contempt' Trial

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Steve Nelson was acquitted today in Federal Court of contempt of the House Un-American Committee. U. S. District Judge James R. Kirkland, after hearing lengthy arguments by prosecution and defense lawyers, granted the defense motion to dismiss the charges against Nelson.

Nelson was charged on 35 counts for refusing in June, 1949, to answer questions of the Un-American Committee.

Ralph Powe, Washington Negro attorney, and Milton Freedman, of New York, who represented Nelson, pointed out that Nelson had clearly exercised his privilege against self incrimination.

Powe made the point that four of the counts on which Nelson was indicted were not included in

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Jersey CP Calls for Arrest of Responsible Airline Authorities

NEWARK, Feb. 12.—The Communist Party of New Jersey today called for indictment and prosecution of air transport corporation heads and Port of New York Authority officials responsible for three airliner crashes in two months, which brought death to

before airlines profits."

Mrs. Stone voiced the demand that the crash-haunted Newark Airport, which was shut down temporarily after a National Airlines DC-6 plowed into an Elizabeth apartment house Monday killing 31 and injuring 43, be kept closed.

The Communist Party, in addition, urged the people to demand that state and federal governments, together with the airline companies, pay "full reparations" to families of the crash victims. "Federal authorities," Mrs. Stone said, "are investigating the engine failures in the three individual planes that crashed. But the real cause of this terrible menace to human life is known. The cold facts cannot be hidden by any amount of statements from Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and his airline corporation crowd.

"The facts show that not a single life would have been lost in Elizabeth if the Newark airport had been closed and rebuilt far away from a populous city area."

Mrs. Stone charged that the Port of New York Authority, which operates the field, the New Jer-

sey state government, Army Air Force and Civil Aeronautics Board refused to relocate the airport "because it would cut into company profits."

"Now tragedy has struck again," she said. "And now the airport has been temporarily closed. It must stay closed."

The Communist leader recalled that after the Long Island Railroad and Penn. Railroad Woodbridge disasters, engineers of the wrecked trains were indicted, while corporation heads, "whose profit-greed was really responsible for criminal negligence, went scot-free."

"When the cold war exploded in the South Amboy disaster," she said, "the munitions corporations and Defense Department never paid a cent reparations to the bereaved families."

"The people of Elizabeth and Newark want no such whitewash. Justice demands the indictment and prosecution of the corporation heads and Port of New York Authority officials responsible for those mass murders."

Residents of the two cities, Mrs. (Continued on Page 6)

NO LETDOWN IN THE FINAL LAP, SUB-GETTERS WARNED

Say, friends of The Worker, we're not getting a little complacent by any chance, are we? It's been a great sub campaign, and the figures to date are still confounding those who thought "it couldn't be done in 1952."

But just the same, New Yorkers who figured they would have cinched 10,000 Worker and Daily Worker subs by this past weekend fell 500 short, and that ain't hay.

This makes for a tough row to hoe to reach that 15,000 goal by March, but the subs are still there to be gotten the way the other 9,500 were gotten. In other words, the people are still for peace in Korea, still against the wage freeze and war profiteering.

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Airforce Gags Men in Major Davis' Command

TOKYO, Feb. 12.—Lt. Gen. Frank Everest, commander of the Ridgway Fifth Air Force, today issued an order barring any statements by men under his command on the death in action Sunday of Maj. George A. Davis, jet fighter pilot. In a disparaging tone,

Everest declared that "Davis has had too much publicity already."

But the censorship order appeared to be based not on a dislike for "publicity," which Air Force brass usually scramble for, but rather because of the charge in Lubbock, Tex., by Davis' widow that the pilot not only wanted to come home but had

never volunteered for Korean duty in the first place.

At the same time that Gen. Everest gagged the fier's former associates, the Far East Air Forces contemptuously brushed aside Mrs. Davis' demand for "a full scale investigation of why he (Davis) was left in Korea." Mrs. Davis, ex-

pecting her third child in May, collapsed Sunday on learning of her husband's death in what she called "a war without reason."

Air Force officials admitted that they could not justify the silencing of Davis' comrades on the grounds of "security," because none was involved.

Mother Blames Death of GI on Both Dems, GOP

KNOXVILLE, Ky., Feb. 12.—A mother heartsick with grief over the death of her son in Korea in a war "without a cause" demonstrated in a letter to the Knoxville Journal that the people blame both Republicans and Democrats, both Truman and MacArthur, for the war policy.

Indicating that people are beginning to see that Wall Street and the war-makers run both parties despite the demagoguery of both, Mrs. Dora Tipton of Townsend, wrote on Jan. 21:

"I have just finished reading the editorial in The Journal where the two men refused to take the Medal of Honor. I would like to shake hands with those two men. If all people that felt that way would come out and tell the world what they did, we might have a better world for our younger people to live in. We don't want Truman any longer, and we don't want MacArthur. They both had to do with the killing of our sons. My son was killed over there, and I say without a cause. We are heartbroken, and never will be any other way.

"We don't want a warmonger for our leader. We would like a man that lives his religion to be our leader. The whole Tipton family are bitter over our son being killed over there, but I don't see any honor. To me it is a disgrace to America for our sons to be driven so far from home to kill and to be killed just to please a few blood thirsty men.

"I can't explain my thoughts. There has never been a love greater than a mother's love for her son. We had but one son. His body is somewhere over there. It's been over there a year. They haven't sent his body back. We mothers don't even have the pleasure of looking on a grave where our sons have been laid. How could we be any other way but bitter? We would love to have peace all over the world. We mothers have grandchildren. We don't want them to live in a troubled world like we are living in. My son left five little children. I don't want his boys to die like he did.

"Please print this in The Journal. I want the world to know how I feel."

Utica Pastor Urges Repeal of McCarran Act

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The people of Utica were urged by the Rev. Arnold F. Keller of the Church of the Redeemer here to demand repeal of the McCarran Act and to save the U.S. from becoming a "Nazi madhouse." In a letter published by the Utica Daily Press on Feb. 8, the Rev. Keller denounced the reported preparation of concentration camps for "probable saboteurs" and charged that the Bill of Rights has become "less than a scrap of paper."

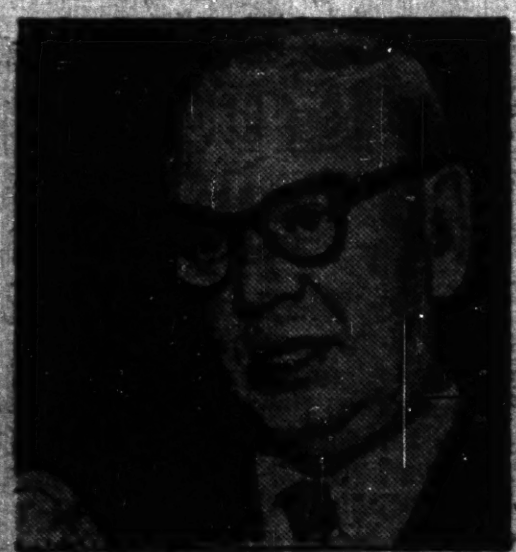
His letter, in part, follows: "Military madness will make a Nazi madhouse out of the United States yet. The pattern is too well known for us to be indifferent to the symptoms of its unfolding here. 'Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.'

"Recent press reports of the setting up under the McCarran Act of five concentration camps emphasized anew the necessity of the immediate repeal of the act. James V. Bennett, federal director of prisons under the direction of Attorney General McGrath, is readying former military camps as places of detention for what the McCarran Acts terms 'probable saboteurs' in the case of a declaration of a state of internal security emergency.

"Shades of 'secret police' and

'gestapo' are rapidly falling over the nation. Editors, preachers, teachers—and all others who would dare criticize or question the national policies—could and would be apprehended as 'probable saboteurs.' With this act the Bill of Rights becomes less than a scrap of paper. The detention camp is an effective way of getting all opposition out of the way. It can happen here!

"Concentration camps are not the traditional American way of life. We urge all, therefore, to write or telegraph the President, Senators and Congressmen at once, protesting the setting up of concentration camps. Urge Congressman William R. Williams to support HR 3118—the Sabath bill to repeal the McCarran Act, which was conceived in typical Washington confusion and abetted by military madness."



MURRAY

MURRAY ASKED TO ACT ON CHAUVINISM IN ERIE CIO PAPER

CIO president Philip Murray's attention has been called to a cartoon in the People's Press, the CIO publication of Erie, Pa., in which a Negro is pictured in the familiar stereotype minstrel-like form. There was no indication of what action, if any, Murray took on this horrible example of anti-Negro influence in the labor movement. But editor Wavil H. See, meanwhile, is smarting under a barrage of criticism and denunciation from Negro papers and other quarters.

The cartoon, in which a Negro offering to wash windows is made to speak in "Negro dialect" first caught the attention of John Steuben, editor of March of Labor. Steuben released photostatic copies of the cartoon, along with a letter

of criticism to See and another to Murray.

The release, according to Steuben's office, also went to Negro and other publications. A number of Negro publications commented favorably on Steuben's action.

Steuben advised Wavil to apologize at least, and noted that during the very week the cartoon appeared, Nov. 8, Murray in a speech before the CIO convention conceded that "the CIO shelters bigots as poisonous on race relations as the Ku Klux Klan."

"We think the publication of this cartoon is an expression of this poison inside the CIO," continued Steuben.

Wavil See's reply, also released by Steuben, said, "I fail to under-

stand your accusation."

The cartoon, See continued, said only "depicts the little ironies of life" and he adds that "frequently the Irish, the English, the German and the Jew are depicted, wither by facial characteristics or by dialect." He accused Steuben of "reading into the lines" and continues:

"I know many Negroes, many of whom have attained considerable prestige and position. These men and women do not keep harping about 'discrimination.' They are not continually trying to find something they can use to feed a persecution complex. They are normal men and women...."

1.—"Hoover and Taft give voice in American discussion of foreign policy to those conservative capitalist elements which do not want war."

2.—"As regards coexistence, 'Hoover turns up in his own way much closer to Henry Wallace's old position, which was also FDR's, than to Truman's.'"

3.—"The tone, the words and the fiscal philosophy in that portion of the Hoover address that dealt with the inflationary danger," are correct for today.

4.—"We of the anti-cold war camp find ourselves drawn into alliance with Hoover.... An isolationism which may help halt the drift to war is preferable...."

THESE CONCLUSIONS are Mr. Stone's, not Hoover's. Nor can they be drawn from Hoover's words except by wishful thinking. For when we go beyond Hoover's demagoguery and examine his program, we find a program not to achieve peace, but to organize war. True, he is for organizing it differently from Truman and Acheson, differently

UTICA PAPER ASSAILS STOOPIE CHAMBERS' LIES

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 11.—The Saturday Evening Post was sharply rebuked by the Utica Daily Press here for publishing the anti-Communist "confessions" of Whittaker Chambers. Tearing into the police spy, Chambers, the Press declared editorially on Feb. 8:

"Now really! Are we all supposed to be crazy? Are we to shape our affairs and conduct by what a self-confessed liar and cheat assumes to 'tell us now'?"

The Daily Press is published by the Frank Gannett chain, and Gannett himself has long been associated politically with the most violently reactionary and anti-labor circles in America. It was noted here that while the editorial on Chambers contained the usual amount of anti-Communist slander, the Gannett paper correctly assumed that the public has nothing but a feeling of disgust and contempt for the stoolpigeons, renegades and police tools being offered to them as models of "patriotism."

The Daily Press declared, in part:

"We Americans are being exposed to some pretty tremendous

stuff about Communism. For one item, take the issue of Collier's a few weeks ago, which attempted to forecast the war which eventually, of course, we win by defeating Soviet Russia. That stirred some political disturbance in Europe, as it properly should. This week we have another, from the ultra-conservative Saturday Evening Post.

"And what does this paper, which boasts of its early association with Benjamin Franklin—who was nobody's fool in his service to our country in its early and perilous days—offer us? Whittaker Chambers. Now really! Are we all supposed to be crazy? Are we to shape our affairs and conduct by what a self-confessed liar and cheat assumes to 'tell us now'?"

"We are somewhat amazed that The Post takes responsibility for presenting to a national audience, a corny and self-incriminating document. Chambers has been in and out of hearings so many times that it would take a rather gullible editor to accept anything he now has to offer, regarding his past as a confidant or tool of the Communist regime.

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"Secondly, we see no sense in putting around with a character like Chambers who has long since forfeited any right to respect by the American people. If we seek to do something constructive we had better attend to our own political failures in Washington. We have plenty to do there for our own protection and benefit, instead of thrashing over the old straw of Communist 'plot'...."

from Dewey and Dulles, but he is for organizing war nonetheless. Because he stands for the military alliance with Britain as of today; for Eisenhower's success in raising an European army, and in any event for armies of the European countries as the main source of manpower in Europe; for making the Western Hemisphere a "Gibraltar of freedom"—meaning a safe rear; for expanding the United States and British air and sea forces into a "highly mobile striking force" as a "deterrent" to "punish any aggression; for furnishing satellites with munitions; for speeding up the war preparations of the European countries, demanding that they "provide ground forces for our airfields within their boundaries" and "protect our airfields outside the NATO countries; for the MacArthur policy in Korea and against China.

This is Hoover's program—at least as much as he cared to state. But can this program be construed as a program for peace? Moreover, there is not a word in Hoover's speech about promoting friendly relations and trade relations with the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies, although he is sharply critical of the fiscal policies of the Truman Administration which have led to the "overstraining of our economy by our gigantic expenditures." Would the omission of new business relations with great and prosperous countries, in such a context, be consistent with a perspective of peaceful coexistence? Espe-

cially today, when the State Department is trying by might and main to prevent the great international economic conference in Moscow next fall from achieving any increase in East-West trade."

HOOVER'S "isolationism, therefore, proves on examination to be as aggressively 'internationalist' as that of Truman-Acheson and Dewey-Dulles. Yet, in the course of bulwarking his pre-election case, Hoover has exploded the myth of 'Soviet aggression,' and has clearly stated—though with no such conscious purpose—that this entire hoax which has been the sole foundation for the Truman Administration's foreign and domestic policy, is a monstrous fraud carrying the nation to disaster.

In addition, Hoover's criticisms of Truman's fiscal policies, citing the "blight of inflation," "confiscatory taxes," and a "reduction of the living standard of the working population," reflect the widespread dissatisfaction with the war program which is sweeping the country, causing worries regarding the prospect of bankruptcy even among sections of the capitalists. Implicit in this pre-election criticism is also the admission that a war economy cannot solve capitalism's fundamental problems. And this admission by a notorious representative of monopoly capital knocks the props from under the claims and hopes of the right wing trade union bureaucracy, who have obediently tailed Wall Street's war-chariot with promises of better pay and

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275 Steel Union Members End Rail Walkout

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 12.—

Non-operating employees of the Conemaugh and Black Lick Railroad walked off their jobs last week in a dispute over rates on a new type of rail. They decided to return to work today in a special union meeting upon the insistence of Ransom Reeder, assistant director of District 13, United Steelworkers Union, who demanded the contract procedure be followed.

Some 275 workers were involved in the walkout.

The railroad services the eight-mile long local plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. and a number of other companies in the area.

End Erie, Pa., Strike

ERIE, Pa., Feb. 12.—Some 600 workers of the Lord Mfg. Co., who closed the plant Jan. 31 when one man was fired for refusing to operate three machines simultaneously, returned to work today on a "tentative" agreement negotiated by officials of the AFL Machinists Union, which represents the employees. Terms were not disclosed.

PRESS COMMENT

Typical of the comment from

the office said.

Churches Tell Senate They Oppose UMT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12. — A church spokesman charged today that universal military training is being planned in an atmosphere of "hysteria" and would lead the United States into "economic slavery."

Chairman Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.) of the Senate Armed Services committee promptly attacked executive director Joseph M. Dawson of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Dawson headed the witness list as the committee resumed hearings on detail of the UMT program.

Congress approved UMT in principle last year with details of the program to be worked out by this session. The House Armed Services Committee already has approved a plan to train 18-year-olds for six months and keep them in the reserves for 7½ years.

Dawson said the Southern Baptist Convention, representing 7,000,000 members, believes UMT would deny cherished American freedoms and lead to "economic slavery."

Russell said the same arguments (Continued on Page 6)

ALP Urges Senate Drop UMT Plan

Asserting that "public opinion is overwhelmingly opposed to Universal Military Training," the American Labor Party yesterday submitted to Senator Richard B. Russell, chairman of the Senate Arms Services Committee a memorandum urging defeat of "the brass-hat, goose-step plan to militarize our youth and pour four million dollars a year into a blueprint for war."

Arthur Schutler, ALP state executive secretary, told the Senate committee:

"Among the organizations on record in opposition to UMT are the CIO, AFL, the National Farmers Union, the National Grange, religious groups and civic organizations."

"Instead of seeking to harness our youth to a program of war and militarization, the ALP urges that the Senate Armed Services Committee raise its voice for an immediate cease-fire in Korea."

W-T Admits People's China Can't Be Excluded in Asia Settlement

The impossibility of any settlement in Asia which excludes China was acknowledged by the World-Telegram yesterday, in an editorial arguing for admitting the Peking government to a post-armistice conference. The newspaper, generally recognized as the chief spokesman for the Chiang Kai-shek lobby in this country, nevertheless took issue with the stand taken by Rear Admiral C. Turner Joy, top U. S. negotiator at Panmunjom, that People's China should be barred from the peace settlement. Joy argued that China has always claimed that volunteers and not the official Peking government were fighting in Korea.

The Telegram, while falsely blaming China (and the Soviet Union, of course) for "most of the trouble in the Far East," took issue with the Pentagon position, declaring that it is not "easy to understand why the Allies should object to Red China submitting her political demands to a peace conference."

If China "is prepared to sit down at the conference table and present her demands for a general settlement of all Far Eastern questions," the Telegram said, "nothing will be lost letting her tell her story."

The pro-Mao Arthur, pro-war paper also acknowledged that "to deny Red China the right to appear and present its case would

Anti-Fascists Hit Detention Of Del Vayo



DEL VAYO

Imprisonment of Julio Alvarez del Vayo, foreign minister of Spain during the Republican regime, and his wife Louisa for three days on Ellis Island was condemned yesterday by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee as an "alarming sign of the meaning of the nearly consummated economic and military pact with the Franco regime."

Del Vayo, who is foreign editor of the Nation magazine, arrived with his wife aboard the French liner Liberte Friday. They had gone to Paris on vacation last August and covered the United Nations General Assembly sessions for the liberal magazine.

Spokesmen for the Nation said the couple were held "incommunicado" on unspecified charges. Their arrest was learned shortly before they were paroled "subject to call" pending further action on their case.

"The treatment accorded del Vayo and the invitation extended last month by Mayor Impelleri to the fascist mayor of Madrid to be his personal guest in May presents a contrast that leaves no further doubt of the direction in which our domestic and foreign policies are heading," declared Dr. Mark Straus, chairman of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

Edward J. Shaughnessy said "final or temporary" disposition of the del Vayo's status was expected. (Continued on Page 6)

Fire Bomb Found At Phila. Synagogue

By WALTER LOWENFELS

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12.—A crudely-made swastika-labeled firebomb with a burning fuse was found and put out before it could explode at the side door of a West Philadelphia synagogue Monday at 8 p.m. Inside were 20 Girl Scouts, aged 10 to 12 years, and four women.

Mrs. Bea Friedman, mother of one of the Girl Scouts, discovered the smoldering bomb as she was entering the Beth Judah Synagogue, 5424 Sansom St., five miles from the Olney area where a synagogue was fire-bombed by a Hitler youth group last Jan. 18, and two unexploded firebombs were found at the Olney High School last week.

Mrs. Friedman summoned two of the women Scout leaders from the synagogue, Mrs. Frieda Kretmar and Mrs. Etta Gold. Mrs. Kretmar picked up the firebomb, three-quarters full of gasoline, and started to carry it from the synagogue. The wind blew out the flaming eight-inch wick. Mrs. Kretmar put the bomb on the ground and Mrs. Friedman called police.

The bottle bomb bore a paper label with a carefully hand-drawn Nazi swastika.

Police said the eight-inch charged wick indicated the bomb had been burning for some time, but it had been stuffed in the bottle so tightly that it had not been able to burn into the deadly vapor in the air space above the liquid gasoline.

PHILADELPHIA. — Nathan Agran, an investigator of the synagogue-bombing Hitler Youth movement had his life threatened twice over the past weekend. This was revealed as the Progressive Party announced action to curb anti-Semitic violence here will come before its mass peace election rally at town hall Wednesday night (tomorrow) where Vito Marc-

antonio and Vincent Hallinan will speak.

The Jewish People's Fraternal Order urged its lodges throughout the city to contact other organizations for joint action including protest resolutions and parents' delegations to City Hall and the Board of Education, demanding that Fascist terror and Nazi violence be rooted out.

Agran, director of the Community Service Department of the Jewish Community Relations Council, told reporters that an anonymous telephone caller had twice warned him to "get out of this thing or you won't live long." One call was received last Friday at the Fellowship Commission, headquarters of his organization. A similar call was received Saturday at his home.

Two 19-year-old brothers have been held in \$1,000 bail after being charged at a police court hearing with having worked with three younger boys in regularly beating up Jewish school children in the Wynnefield area of West Philadelphia. This is at the other end of town from the Olney school where two bombs were found before they could explode last week, and where the Hitler Youth had been linked to a January 18 Synagogue bombing. A wave of anti-Semitic outrages have been reported recently in both the Olney and other Philadelphia areas, many of which Agran investigated.

Meanwhile, some of the 25 representatives of seven civic organizations who met with District Attorney Richardson Dilworth yesterday were quoted in the local

press as being dissatisfied at his "minimizing" of the situation as a "juvenile delinquency" matter.

Dilworth has called the bombs found at the Olney H. S. last week "the work of some moronic practical joker."

Ridgway Wants Gag on Papers In the U. S.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Supreme Commander of U. S. forces in Korea, demanded last night that the American press cease "speculation" on the truce negotiations now in progress. The brass-hat's edict, delivered in a tape-recorded address to the New York State Society of Newspaper Editors, was seen here as a thinly-veiled warning to the press not to encourage the American public's desires for a Korean peace settlement.

It has been repeatedly charged by American correspondents attached to Ridgway's forces that the general's censorship regulations, the delay in getting information, and the downright falsification in the official reports have prevented reporters from supplying the American public with the true facts on Korean developments. In fact, a number of correspondents have frankly reported that they rely on reporters attached to the Korean and Chinese forces as their sole source of accurate information.

Ridgway's censorship bid to the editors last night followed the blast against U. S. correspondents in Korea for "fraternization" with their colleagues on the Korean side.

The general instructed the editors that "speculation in the newspapers through editorial columns, by special columnists, or by radio commentators becomes grist for the Communist mill."

Urge Penn. Governor Fire Mines Secretary

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12 (EP).—The executive board of District 5, United Mine Workers, called on Gov. John S. Fine (R) to fire secretary of Mines Richard Maize because of the Carpentertown mine disaster, which took six lives. The union leaders charged that weak state legislation covering mine safety was responsible for the explosion Feb. 2.

McCarran Board Hearing Calls Detroit Stoolie

Daily Worker Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The Justice Department today put on the witness stand in the McCarran Board hearings the first witness it claimed has been a member of the Communist Party since the McCarran Act was adopted by Congress in September, 1950. She was Mrs. Berenice Baldwin, 49, of Detroit.

The fourteen FBI informers who preceded her during the ten-month hearings had admittedly been expelled months or years before passage of the police state law.

Mrs. Baldwin said she joined the party in Detroit in May, 1943 at the suggestion of the FBI.

Justice Department Attorney Frank De Nunzio sought to establish through her testimony that the CP had made preparations to "go underground."

UAW TO OK STRIKES ON GOV'T DELAY OVER PAY

The executive board of the CIO United Automobile Workers announced it will promptly honor requests of locals for strike permission against "unreasonable delays" on their wage cases pending before the Wage Stabilization Board.

Hundreds of contracts affecting more than 100,000 of the UAW's members, have been in the files of the WSB, some for more than six months, the union announced from its Detroit headquarters.

The UAW Board resolution streamlining strike authorization was introduced by John Livingston, UAW vice-president and member of the WSB. The resolution noted that the backlog of all cases before the WSB is already over the 15,000 mark. The UAW's cases pending are agreements with employers already reached and require only approval to give them effectiveness.

In the meantime, the WSB's recommendation of a 14.4 cent

hourly raise to 11,500 Wright Aeronautical workers ran into fire as the Curtis-Wright Corp., operating plants in the same area in the midst of negotiations with the AFL's Machinists, protested in a wire to War Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson. The company noted that WSB panel chairman Prof. Harry Shullman, who handed down the decision is also chairman of the panel in the UAW brass case in which a 15-cent hourly raise was recommended. The wire to Wilson argued that the Shullman decision is "ideological" and goes beyond "the intent of Congress."

There was some speculation that the pattern set in these cases by Shullman will be applied to steel. Shullman is also chairman of that panel. So far, however, as the steel hearings draw to a close, the steel companies have been unanimous both in rejection of the steel union's demands and in failure to advance any counter-offer.

DEATH THREAT BY KLAN FORCES NEGRO TO WITHDRAW AS CANDIDATE IN CAROLINA

GAFFNEY, S. C., Feb. 12.—A written death threat from the Ku Klux Klan forced a 60-year-old Negro grocer to withdraw from today's Democratic primary election for the town council.

C. L. C. Clymph, the grocer, said the threatening letter, postmarked in Caffney Friday, displayed the letterhead "Invisible Empire Association of Carolina Klans of the Ku Klux Klan."

He removed his name from the

primary race Saturday, leaving his opponent, H. Crawley Porter, unopposed.

The Klan letter warned "... it is not customary, as you know, for the colored race of South Carolina to hold public office. ... Now is the time for you to realize your defeat and let withdrawal before Feb. 12 be your protection for now and hereafter."

This small textile mill town lies north of the town of Pickens where

on Feb. 17, 1947, an armed mob of 31 white men took a young Negro Willie Earl from the County Jail, ripped his body with knives, then tore his head off with shotgun-blasts.

The lynchers were freed by an all-white Greenville jury after 26 members of the mob signed confessions describing their plan for the lynching and its actual commission.

Letters from Readers

Walter Willard Dies at Age of 75

Nampa, Idaho.
Editor, Daily Worker:
Walter H. Willard of Nampa, Idaho, died on Jan. 1, 1952. He was one of your oldest subscribers. He was 75 years old. He became interested in the radical movement in the Populist days and has spent his time and money freely in that cause. He has been staying with me for over two and a half years so I knew him well. The world has lost a real man. W. E. W.

Pentagon Plotters

Brooklyn.
Editor, Daily Worker:
Your careful analysis of the direction which the Pentagon Plotters are taking in the Far East is indeed a terrible warning and must be repeated again and again. The trade unions must be stirred up to greater struggle at this time. I'm sure that there is a great deal of peace sentiment there as well as in the public at large. V. F.

Sub Record by Kew Gardens Hills

New York.
Editor, Daily Worker:
In your progress reports of the sub drive, you continuously refer to "Kew Gardens," one of the leading press groups in Queens (which means in the U.S.). We of Kew Gardens Hills, who are proud of the record of 100 percent that we have made, would appreciate your clearing up the identification. The press builders in Kew Gardens would not object to this correction, I am certain. They too are doing a good job, I understand. We have set our sights for 150 percent, and hope to see ourselves identified correctly as we move toward that goal. KEW GARDENS HILLS FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

Indignant Canadian

Below is a letter from Canadian indignant over the FBI's sending him "wanted circulars with pictures and fingerprints of Smith Act victims."—Editor
VANCOUVER, B. C.
Editor, Daily Worker:
This is a sample of the kind of stuff that is being served up to us by your so-called "Department of Justice." I don't know the gentleman in question, I've read enough in our daily press to comprehend the nature of the charge against him and to develop the utmost contempt for his persecutors. It sure strikes us Canadians as peculiar that we never see circulars of this kind for "scarface" Capone or "Dutch" Schultz, or any of the other well-known American criminals. I am no communist, but living in a land in which the labor spokesman is being hunted and persecuted while the gangster and war-criminal goes free, I cannot remain quiet. Yours for justice.

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World of Labor

by George Morris

'Don't Blame Me,' Cries Dan Tobin to Teamsters

A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION of the role of the Wage Stabilization Board would picture it as a sneak who gets behind you and holds your arms, while someone else uses you for a punching bag. Even the most conservative unions now recognize this as they sum up a years operation of this "stabilization" law.

Daniel J. Tobin, president of the AFL's largest union, the Brotherhood of Teamsters, notes in his union's journal that his organization has more than half of the 15,000 cases pending before the WSB (the number grew by several thousand in the weeks since he wrote it) with some lying in the Board's file for six or more months. He says that the "teamsters are suffering more under this condition than any other organization on labor."

Tobin throws up his hands in despair because, he writes, "our people are getting impatient and sometimes think I am a superman, and that I can do almost anything."

Tobin puts it harshly and says, "The rank and file will have to wait until the Wage Stabilization Board gets ready" and he adds, "Worse than all that, the board members have the right to refuse to O.K. a contract if they so desire."

Tobin releases a lot of steam against this "most pitiful situation we have ever experienced

in all our years." Over and over again he pleads, "Don't blame me," and asks for more "patience."

He adds, "Remember we are a nation in trouble, and that our kin are dying on Korea."

I CAN HARDLY blame the members of Tobin's union for believing he can do great things. For years they have been reading his long diatribes in the International Teamster, bragging that he was practically a "President maker" and that without his genius we would have never had President Roosevelt or a President Truman. Surely, they believe, he ought to be able to have enough influence in the jungles of the District of Columbia to get a little speed on the nation's wage cases.

But I suspect that the members of the Teamsters' Union have long ago become disillusioned with the "superhuman" capacity of old Dan Tobin, and have taken to the good old strike as their only recourse. In recent weeks, tens of thousands of them, as many as 40,000 in one sweep in the middle west, have gone out on strike. Tobin takes notice of that. In the same issue of the Teamsters' Journal he has a lengthy editorial that begins:

"I am surprised, and I fail to understand, why we have so many strikes or threatened strikes when everyone should try and keep on working if hu-

manly possible. I have no use for organizers or business agents if they have to have a strike every time a wage contract expires."

He advises his organizers and business agents to use their "brains," and reminds them that any "roustabout or wildcat individual," especially if he is "imbued with the doctrine of Communism," can get men to go on strike. Cynical Old Dan pictures his members as dopes who have no brains of their own but just follow.

THE TRUTH is that the dopes are in the upper layer of the Brotherhood of Teamsters. They led the membership into the present mess, and Tobin's "don't blame me" articles are a frank admission of that fact. Did not the representatives of the Teamsters, like the others of the AFL and CIO, top family, vote a year ago for the WSB's policy statement establishing the very setup and wage freeze rules of which Tobin now complains? That was the policy that declared that the way to block inflation is to siphon off purchasing power from the masses through holding down wages and higher taxes.

Tobin, like the other top labor leaders, counseled adherence to that line on the ground that prices and rents would also be "stabilized."

After a year's trial the teamsters aren't paying much attention to Tobin's long diatribes in the Journal. They are actually fighting the wage freeze, and they expect the hundreds of payrollers, from Tobin down, to get off their swivel chairs and bat for approval of the raises they won through strikes.

They are still sending money for The Worker fund; thanks to a group of White Plains workers for \$5, and "two shipyard slaves of Hoboken," \$8.

Press Roundup

THE COMPASS headlines the news: "Del Vayo Held on Ellis Island Four Days." Last week President Truman remarked that he doesn't think "too much" of Spain's fascist tyrant, Franco. But the detention of the last Foreign Minister of democratic Spain and a consistent Franco foe tells the real story. It's a love letter from Truman to Franco, saying: "Honest, darling, I was only fooling."

THE NEWS tries to equate the American Civil War with the present Korean intervention by imagining Harry Truman in Lincoln's shoes and trying "not to win the war" against the slaveholders. But there's a big difference between fighting to maintain the Union and to prevent the advance of slavery, as in 1861, and fighting 5000 miles away in an other people's civil conflict, as in Korea, 1952. The American people register their understanding of that difference every day, making this war the most hated and resented in our history.

THE JOURNAL AMERICAN also defiles the Lincoln memory, trying to kid the public into believing that the man who welcomed the support of Karl Marx and the International Workingmen's Assn. for the war against the slaveowners would today prosecute a totally different kind of war.

THE POST is unhappy over the fact that Tony Anastasia has started an anti-Communist "crusade" on the waterfront. "The B-movie mobster who clubs down downtrodden American workers into an anti-Soviet crusade has been one of Radio Moscow's most threadbare themes," says the Post. "Until now this propaganda man didn't exist. Tony Anastasia has invented him." The Post has a bad memory. The late Al Capone won cheers from the bosses' press when he delivered his famous anti-Communist oration. But, anyway, the real source of the Post embarrassment is that every time it red-baits (which is very often) it advertises its kinship with the scum of the underworld. Instead of yacking about Moscow "propaganda" why doesn't the Post pose for itself some searching questions on to whom, and to where, red-baiting leads?

THE TIMES' vocabulary is more high-toned, but it's as crooked as the Hearstings and the News in pretending that Lincoln would have lined up in the insane anti-Soviet crusade and for the bloody Korean war. The Times' also comes out squarely for saving the lives of Elizabeth citizens, not right now, but "some day." Perhaps "some day," we'll have to move airfields for "safety's sake." But "meanwhile," let's just have "fearlessly and relentlessly" conducted inquiries which get nowhere. It's an interesting juxtaposition, these two Times editorials. The paper is as willing to continue seeing death in Elizabeth, N. J., as it is to see death in Korea. There's money in blood, in both places. —R. F.



Of Things to Come

by John Pittman

A Difference of Opinion On Hoover's Speech

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living standards to the rank and file of their unions.

But not even Mr. Stone can convince the American working class that Hoover has a fiscal policy to raise the living standards of the American people. Hoover's criticisms of Truman's policy allow Mr. Stone to infer that Hoover would cut armament expenditure, check inflation and restore the value of the dollar. But, assuming that a Hoover-controlled government would seriously attempt to do this, its fiscal policies would also be dominated by its position in relation to war and peace. And, in view of the world-wide struggles of colonial peoples to achieve their freedom—as Hoover also admits, how could a peacetime fiscal policy be based on a foreign policy of using "mobile striking forces" to deter and punish "aggression," meaning, the uprisings of colonial peoples?

HOOVER DID NOT SPEAK for any powerful conservative capitalist elements which do not want war, because there is at present no decisive section of the U. S. capitalist class which does not regard war as a way out of the growing acute contradictions of capitalism. Yet, owing to these contradictions, there are differences of opinion regarding tactics among the big capitalists. Hoover reflected one of these differences.

In the last analysis, the fundamental and decisive source of these contradictions of the American imperialists is the growing might of the peo-

forces, both abroad and at home, and the freedom struggles of the colonial peoples and former subject nations. These contradictions, therefore, are an inverted measure of the strength of the people. And it is one thing to welcome reflections of these contradictions, such as the speech of Hoover.

But it is quite a different thing, and a most dangerous thing, to propose that because an imperialist spokesman reflects contradictions caused by the people's resistance, he is worthy of the people's confidence. That confidence is precisely what the imperialist spokesmen desires, the whole purpose, in fact, of his airing his differences with other imperialist spokesmen. And if the Hooverites tomorrow were to obtain the full direction of national affairs, it would be a victory not for the people, but for imperialism, and conceivably for a section of Wall Street imperialism whose time-table for world war would create a peril sooner than or as soon as that of Truman. For Hoover's greater reliance on air power (meaning the atom bomb) and less reliance on manpower "to deter and punish aggression" is fraught with calculating, anti-human, cheap-and-easy-war connotations, no less than the "calculated risks" of Truman and Dulles.

Mr. Stone's suggestion that the left-of-center forces consider

an alliance with the Hoover "isolationists," seems, therefore, ill-considered. It is true, of course, that Wall Street has converted both the Republican and Democratic parties into war parties, and maintains a war policy independent of party control through its direct participation in the national government. So that some non-Communist progressives, appalled by the absence of any genuine peace program from the politicians of these twin parties of national betrayal, and blind to the great reservoir of representative, independent, pro-peace leadership among the working class and the Negro people, can come to believe that only desperate expedients, such as courting a Hoover to escape a Truman and a Dewey, can save the people from disaster.

But the real lesson of the Hoover speech is that the people's resistance to the policy of war has confronted the war camp with acute contradictions; and, therefore, that greater unity and resistance from the peace forces, the anti-war forces right-of-center as well as left-of-center, can sharpen these contradictions and force a fundamental strategic—not merely tactical—change in the foreign policy of Wall Street imperialism. There is still time to cram a genuine peace policy down the throat of Wall Street imperialism. And a powerful people's peace coalition, fighting for the principle of negotiations among the big powers of all differences among them, can do it.

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THE WRONG TRIAL

A TRIAL SHOULD now be going on in Florida in which a sheriff would be charged with murdering one Negro and wounding, with intent to kill, a second Negro.

The sheriff who should be on trial, is Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall who murdered Samuel Shepherd and wounded Walter Lee Irvin after the United States Supreme Court had unanimously ordered re-trials for the two in the Groveland "rape" frameup case.

But Sheriff McCall is not on trial. He is a free man and a court has decreed that the murder and the wounding which he committed were done in "self defense." And on trial again is Walter Lee Irvin, McCall's victim, in a proceeding which is a mockery of justice.

The trial judge is again Truman G. Futch who presided over the first frameup trial of Irvin and Shepherd. The judge has refused to permit the case to be heard elsewhere despite the evidence presented by Irvin's attorneys that it is impossible to obtain an unprejudiced jury in Ocala.

The mockery of Irvin's second trial is made all the more flagrant by the fact that he comes before the jury not only with the inflammatory "rape" charge against him—but also with a judicial decree that he had "attacked" the murderous sheriff who deserves the electric chair.

It was not enough for the United States Supreme Court to have ordered a new trial in this case. It was necessary for the Department of Justice to arrest Sheriff McCall. This the scandal-soaked department has refused to do.

It was necessary for the Justice Department to arrest the murderers of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore in the same state. This too the Justice Department which frames Communists and consciously promotes genocide against the Negro people, has refused to do.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore are dead. Samuel Shepherd is dead. Walter Lee Irvin faces a death sentence again. But the murderers of the Moores and of Shepherd are still free.

The fight of the people for the Justice Department to arrest the killers of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, and to arrest Sheriff McCall, the killer of Shepherd, should be markedly increased—especially at this moment when Walter Lee Irvin's life is again endangered.

TRUMAN MEANS HIGH PRICES

THE ELECTION YEAR "1952" is written all over President Truman's message to Congress on price controls.

The vigor with which Truman demands repeal of the Capehart, Herlong and Butler-Hope amendments sounds strange in view of the vigor with which the Administration has been enforcing these price-boosting tricks.

Congress cannot be attacked too strongly for sending prices sky-high. But it is peculiar to have the attack come from the White House which has decontrolled prices in various fields and decontrolled rents in various areas of the country.

Truman's message is an election-year speech. It will not bring prices down one penny. On the contrary, if price-control policies are left in the hands of the White House, prices will continue to be "controlled" UPWARDS.

The people, and especially organized labor, have the biggest stake in this issue and should act accordingly.

Naturally, the Capehart and other price-boosting amendments should be repealed as the President proposes. But that is far from enough.

There must be a strong price-control and rollback. The Administration must end its policies of DECONTROLLING prices and rents.

There must be an end to the Administration's wage-freeze program which is based on the theory that the worker's standard of living can never go up but only down.

Above all, it should be realized that it is the war program which sends prices up. No matter what kind of ceilings are on the statute books they will inevitably be pierced by the pressure of an arms program. In the final analysis, an end to the arms economy and a return to a peace-time economy are required if the living standards of the people are to have any protection.

Price-controls and inflation will be used as a political football by the Republican and Democratic parties in this year's elections. The people will have to break up the game through independent activity in the local elections for Congress and through backing a national peace ticket.



The Coalition Fight for Better Schools in Queens

NEXT TUESDAY'S congressional by-election in Queens is being watched with interest by New York's political circles in part at least because of the way in which independent elements of the community have coalesced behind a civic leader who is challenging the two major parties.

The candidate, Mrs. Thelma Bearman, is the product of the intensive struggle by Queens parents for increased school facilities. The borough's population has been growing rapidly, but school and city authorities have failed to provide corresponding school facilities.

The war program, with its limitations on steel and other building materials, has made the problem more acute, and the battle of the parents for schools more sharp.

As head of the Kew Meadows Schools Committee, Mrs. Bearman led a successful fight to restore to the city budget funds for building five schools. The Kew Meadows Committee comprises the parents' groups in six schools in the Flushing-Hillcrest area.

MRS. BEARMAN'S leadership in this fight, and several others involving parent groups, resulted in the decision that she run on an independent ticket, known as the Better Schools Party ticket. Following her nomination by this group, the American Labor Party withdrew its own nominee and placed her on its slate.

An effort was made to have her named as well by the Liberal Party.

Leaders of that party, however, played their customary part of blocking unity among independent voters against the two machines, which in Queens are even more reactionary than elsewhere.

Both Liberal Party leaders and the arch-reactionary Long Island newspapers have sought to deny the coalition character of Mrs. Bearman's candidacy because she is an enrolled ALP voter. Her supporters note, however, that she is widely backed by citizens of the Fifth Congressional District who are not Laborites, as well as by Laborites, and she has been in fact named by a coalition of various groups.

A dramatic example of the support she is getting from parent groups was furnished by a meeting of the Kew Meadows Hill Schools Committee after the local press opened up a campaign

against her. Unable to endorse her directly because it is barred from acting on "politics," the committee demonstratively named her unanimously as its delegate to the Albany budget hearing.

BECAUSE Gov. Dewey has called the by-election on unusually short notice, following the resignation of Rep. T. Vincent Quinn to become Queens district attorney, Mrs. Bearman's supporters had only 10 days in which to gather the necessary minimum of 3,000 valid signatures to put her on the ballot. Without organization of any kind, this seems to be an impossible job.

It took them five days to get organized during which time they got less than 1,000 signatures. In the following five days, however, they gathered 3,000 to put the number of valid signatures actually filed at 3,834. Canvassers calculated that three out of five people approached signed. These included many who made it clear they considered themselves Republicans or Democrats but were disgusted with both parties and wanted an independent to run.

The trend toward voter independence, reflected in distorted fashion by the election of Mayor Impellitteri and Council President Halley, also found its expression in the present campaign, canvassers said.

It was a signature campaign conducted largely by amateurs and entirely by volunteers. People who heard of the campaign for the first time when canvassed came to one of the nine headquarters set up in the district to volunteer their services. As many as 500 were involved in organizing and collecting the signatures, according to calculations of those who managed the campaign.

A COALITION of independent civic forces and the ALP is not an entirely new development in state politics. Last fall there was a similar setup in

councilmanic elections in Schenectady, where a prominent civic leader who is an independent Democrat, ran on an independent ticket in protest against the anti-labor policies of the local Democratic machine. She also received the support of the ALP.

The Queens experience is being viewed by independents as a sort of test of this kind of lineup. Faced with a Republican candidate, Robert T. Ross, whose record in the 1949-1950 Congress was as bitterly anti-labor and reactionary as it could be, and by a Democratic candidate, Councilman Hugh Quinn, who is notoriously bigoted, they scarcely have any choice in the election.

A FACTOR in Mrs. Bearman's campaign is the fact that not one elected office-holder from Queens is a woman. This has caused bitterness among politically active women, including those in leading major party positions.

Thus, the Democratic co-leader in the First Assembly District, an attorney recently issued a statement threatening to run for public office as an independent next year if the Democrats persisted in naming only men. A movement among women generally has been developing for Mrs. Bearman, under the slogan that women are in the front line of food counters and schools, and hence belong also among the law makers.

Mrs. Bearman's program emphasizes that more steel must be allocated for new schools, that there must be a seat for every pupil and an end to the three-shift school schedules; that discrimination must be ended against Negro children in Corona; and child care centers set up for working mothers. She opposes all forms of excise taxes that place the tax burden on the consumer, and urges lower taxes for small homeowners. She favors a strong federal civil rights law mandating the federal government to act against all crimes of violence against the Negro people.

Stressing the fact that the arms program plays havoc with the school construction program, as noted in recent studies on the condition of education today, she also has been urging the need for understanding among the major powers so that peace can be established and disarmament made a reality.



Subscription Drive

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and will still welcome the only paper that takes their side on these issues.

Here is about the way New Yorkers shape up by county and other divisions, as of Monday:

Group	Goal	Secured	Percent
Queens	1500	1600	107
Manhattan	3500	2515	71
Brooklyn	4500	2775	62
Bronx	2500	1450	58
Trade Union Com.	2500	875	35
Upstate	850	300	35

Brooklynites had figured on reaching at least 3,200 before Monday, but fell far short despite good work by individual groups.

Two major events within the next few days are expected to boost the campaign in particular areas. Harlem readers of the paper will gather Thursday night under the auspices of the local Freedom of the Press Association to hear Claudia Jones, one of the 17 Smith Act defendants facing trial next month and Women's Page columnist for The Worker; and Max Gordon of the Daily Worker.

The gathering, which is expected to spur the lagging Harlem campaign for 500 subs, will take place at the local FPA headquarters, 321 W. 125 St., at 8 p.m.

On Saturday morning, the Trade Union Committee for Press Freedom is holding a conference of readers in the unions, with Steve Nelson and Ben Carethers, two Smith Act victims from Pittsburgh, and labor editor George Morris as speakers. This will take place at Yugoslav Hall, 405 W. 41 St.

Both Harlemites and unionists hope to hit 50 percent of their respective goals by the time of their affairs.

In Manhattan, readers in the Washington Heights-Inwood area reached their goal of 300 subs last Sunday, and have decided to go for another 100 by the time the campaign ends. The area was sparked by readers in the South Inwood community, whose campaign leader remarked that most readers in her group were anxious to get subs, but many did not know where to go for them.

When she got to them to recall the names of their friends, relatives, neighbors, shopmates, they were able to expand their circulation and arrive at their community goal of 75 subs.

Down in the Chelsea-Lincoln Square area, readers came close to hitting their target of 600 subs after some intensive work last week. They're up to 556, and expect to go well over this week. Persistent campaigning in the Lincoln Square and west midtown communities brought these to their goals of 125 and 100 subs respectively.

Out of Brooklyn, campaigners in the Brooklyn Heights community hit their goal of 65, decided to make it 100 and challenged the other communities along the Brooklyn waterfront to do likewise.

Detrioters reported they had a bang-up Negro History Week meeting of 300 readers out there last Saturday night, under auspices of the Michigan Freedom of the Press Committee. Dr. Herbert Aptheker was speaker. Dr. Aptheker's historic work, Documentary History of the Negro People in America, is being offered in the campaign to all who get 30 subs or better.

While the meeting was swell, no subs have come in from it as yet, and Michigan readers still have only 142 subs in out of a goal of 475.

To Hold Memorial For Mrs. Carol King

A memorial meeting for Mrs. Carol King, noted civil rights attorney, will be held at 8 p. m., Monday, at the Astor Hotel, Broadway and 44 St.

Speakers will include Prof. Thomas Emerson and Carl S. Stern. The meeting is under the auspices of the friends and family of Mrs. King.

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reaction is made public, it may have the effect of developing widespread emulation throughout the country. In fact it is this latter idea which particularly impels us to send this contribution immediately.

"The hope of Queens County that their action may have the effect of developing a widespread emulation throughout the country is to be ardently hoped for," said Miss Flynn. "The need is great. The time is short. The New York trial begins March 3, less than three weeks from now, and then our expenses will leap. The cost of the daily transcript alone will run to some \$1,500 a week. The total legal costs of the 11 averaged \$7,000 a week. We need money, moreover, to explore new legal steps for the freedom of those imprisoned at the first Foley Square thought-control trial."

In addition to the \$5,000 received yesterday, \$1,149 came in from other sources, much of it from the sale of the books through which \$1 is contributed for each of the 17 defendants indicted in New York on June 20 last.

Some \$156 was marked for the defense of Marion Bachrach, one of the 17 and treasurer of the defense committee, while \$388 came from the Communist Party of Detroit.

A fraternal order of Farmingdale, N. J., sent \$100 and a like sum was contributed by the Peace Publications Fund. The Communist Party of Albany sent \$101 while six actors contributed \$39.

All contributions should be sent to the Self-Defense Committee for the 17 Victims of the Smith Act, Room 642, 799 Broadway, New York, 3, N. Y.

Air Crash

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Stone added, through public hearings beginning this week, through mass meetings and petitions, "can compel the state and federal authorities to act to protect human life."

Civic organizations in Queens yesterday planned mass meetings to demand new safety precautions from planes flying out of LaGuardia Field. Thousands of persons live only seconds of flying time from the end of one of LaGuardia's busiest runways. They complained that low-flying planes already have clipped treetops, knocked down television aerials, cracked plaster with their engines' thunder and swept washing off clothes lines.

Traffic at LaGuardia and Idlewild has increased sharply with the closing of Newark airport.

The Rev. Maurice P. Lenihan, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Church who said he spoke for 500 parishoners and 1,800 families who live in a veterans project at the edge of the field, declared:

"We are going to close that airfield down if it is the last thing we do. Elizabeth, N. J., is child's play compared with what we are going through over here."

"The pay-off was 3.45 p.m. Feb. 5, when Colonial Airlines plane N-73267 went by our school at less than 14 feet. That's when we got together to fight."

Borough president James Lundy asked the Civil Aeronautics Board to shut down both LaGuardia and Idlewild when weather is bad or traffic jams develop.

Royal Dalrymple, spokesman for the Eastern Queens Civic Council, demanded that both airports be moved out of Queens. Borough district attorney T. Vincent Quinn asked for stricter safety regulations.

Reward

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 12.—Judge Harry Montgomery who presided at the frame-up "sedition" trial of Steve Nelson was endorsed last week by the Democratic Party top-level policy committee, for Justice of the State Supreme Court.

Florida

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He was jailed there until moved here for the trial.

Thurgood Marshall, special attorney for the NAACP, said he had provided for a private doctor to x-ray Irvin.

Watching the trial in a jimmied section are Irvin's mother, Mrs. Della Irvin, and his sister, Mrs. Louise Threat, 21 and Mrs. Henrietta Shepherd, 19. The latter is the wife of the brother of the slain Samuel Shepherd.

The lunch recess was featured by Judge Futch, who is presiding at the trial, and State's Attorney Hunter, who is prosecuting, lunching together at a hotel in the neighborhood.

After this cosy little twosome, Futch refused to accept as evidence a 43-page report, from the Elmer Roper Association and prepared for the NAACP, which showed that 46 percent of the Marion County, Fla., white population had already decided Irvin is guilty. The court barred the survey as evidence aimed at bolstering the defense plea for shifting the locale of the trial.

Marshall yesterday obtained admission from a number of Negro physicians, ministers, etc., who had testified for the prosecution that there is no racial tension in the area that none of them have ever served on a jury and that no Negro has held public office here in recent memory.

Del Vayo

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ed shortly. But he refused to reveal the reason for their detention.

Detention of the del Vayo raised fears among anti-fascist Spanish exiles here that the U. S. government's current friendly attitude toward Spain's government under the fascist Gen. Francisco Franco might affect their status as political refugees here and subject them to imprisonment and other persecution.

Del Vayo and his wife have been political refugee residents here since 1940.

Dr. Straus said his organization called on the State Department and Immigration Service to order "unconditional release" of the del Vayos and "offer them a public apology."

"We are being contaminated by the diseased fascist spirit, and this, even more than propping up fascist dictatorships around the world, presents the most insidious danger of all for the American people."

Dr. Straus pointed out that while the State Department thus far failed to intervene in the renewed persecution of opposition to Franco within Spain, including recent death sentences for 11 political prisoners in Barcelona, it is "overly intervening to prevent asylum in the United States to democratic leaders like del Vayo."

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could be used against selective service, which Dawson said he supports as a wartime measure.

"I am deeply disturbed by the attitude of so many fine people," the Dixiecrat Senator said.

Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, head of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States, said the 29 denunciations he represents are willing to support a wartime draft for a specific emergency.

But, he added, peacetime UMT "would be a signal to the whole world that Congress had abandoned hope of a peaceful settlement of international differences."

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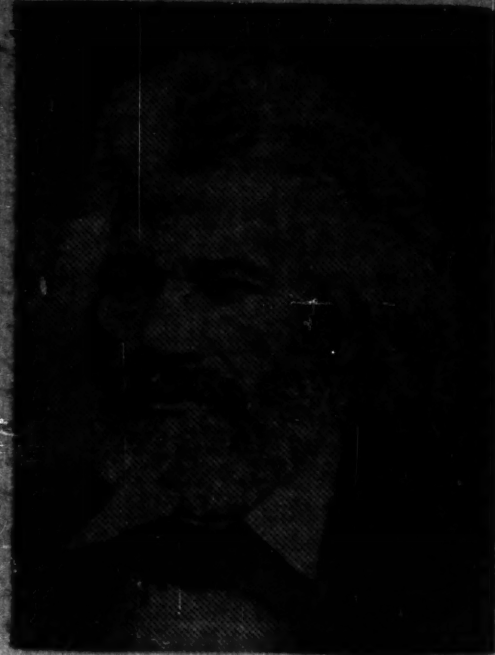
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Waiting for the Emancipation Proclamation, Dec. 31, 1862

Scenes of meetings of Negro people and their friends were held throughout the land, on the evening of Dec. 31, 1862, when the Emancipation Proclamation was proclaimed. One such meeting, held in Boston, is described by Frederick Douglass.

An immense assembly convened in Tremont Temple to await the first flash of the electric wires announcing the "new departure." Two years of war, prosecuted in the interests of slavery, had made free speech possible in Boston, and we were now met together to receive and celebrate the first utterance of the long-hoped-for proclamation, if it came, and, if it did not come, to speak our minds freely; for, in view of the past, it was by no means certain that it would come.

The occasion, therefore, was one of both hope and fear. Our ship was on the open sea, tossed by a terrible storm; wave after wave



FREDERICK DOUGLASS

were, for the dim light of the stars, for the dawn of a new day; we were longing for the answer to the agonizing prayer of centuries. Remembering those in bonds as bound with them, we wanted to join in the shout for freedom, and in the anthem of the redeemed.

Eight, nine, 10 o'clock came and went, and still no word. A visible shadow seemed falling on the expecting throng, which the confident utterances of the speakers sought in vain to dispel. At last, when patience was well-nigh exhausted, and suspense was becoming agony, a man (I think it was Judge Russell) with hasty step advanced through the crowd, and with a face fairly illuminated with the news he bore, exclaimed in tones that thrilled all hearts, "It is coming! It is on the wires!"

The effect of this announcement was startling beyond description, and the scene was wild and grand. Joy and gladness exhausted all forms of expression, from shouts of praise to sobs and tears. My old friend, Rue, a Negro preacher, a man of wonderful vocal power, expressed the heartfelt emotion of the hour, when he led all voices in the anthem, "Sound the loud timbrel o'er Egypt's dark sea, Jehovah hath triumphed, his people are free."

About 12 o'clock, seeing there was no disposition to retire from the hall, which must be vacated, my friend Grimes (of blessed memory) rose and moved that the meeting adjourn to the Twelfth Baptist Church, of which he was pastor, and soon the church was packed from doors to pulpit, and this meeting did not break up till near the dawn of day. It was one of the most affecting and thrilling occasions I ever witnessed, and a worthy celebration of the first step on the part of the nation in its departure from the thralldom of ages.

—From "Life and Times of Frederick Douglass," and reprinted in "A Documentary History of the Negro People," edited by Herbert Aptheker.

'A Documentary Of Real World,' Says Mike Gold

Editor, Feature Section:

"Peace Will Win" is a picture that should astound the tired and cynical American who has never realized that he lives behind an Iron Curtain. For here is the documentary portrait of the world as it actually is formed today—the world of humanity that wants peace, organizes, fights and wins peace.

The sight of these human multitudes from every corner of the globe—Africans, Hindus, French, Germans, Israelis and Egyptians—Chinese, Americans, Koreans and Brazilians—all, all are here, the free, beautiful, hopeful human race—Ah, it is thrilling and heartening to be reminded of them amid the neon-lit pessimism of New York. This picture warms the heart and mind of a surrounded American. It is a lesson in hope for the future of mankind.

MICHAEL GOLD

N. Y. TIMES SLANDERS THE MEMORY OF ADAM MICKIEWICZ, POLAND'S GREAT POET

By DAVID PLATT

Last Sunday, the New York Times Magazine led off with a boorish article attacking the literature and culture of the USSR and People's Democracies in East Europe.

The article was entitled "The Great Liquidation: Satellite Culture," and was authored by one, Michael Padev, described as a student of East European literature who has spent most of his life in Bulgaria.

It set out to show that "Russia, by destroying the traditions of subject nations, imperils the roots of their existence."

Among the many examples Padev cites as evidence of this, one will suffice to expose the fraud which he has perpetrated upon readers of the Times. Padev writes:

"... Satellite writers are obliged to follow not only a Communist and a Soviet party line; they have also to give a strictly Russian interpretation of their countries' cultural traditions and of their literature. Poles today, for example, are told that their greatest poet and national hero, Adam Mickiewicz (1798-1855), was an ardent supporter of cooperation and friendship with Russia, while in fact he was a nationalist who fought Russia all his life."

It is true that Mickiewicz loved Poland dearly and fought for her independence with his person as well as with his pen, but his enemy at all times was the Czarist Russian Government which hounded him to his dying day, and not the Russian people who loved him and whose friendship and cooperation he ardently sought and won.

This is evidenced above all by land to Russia by the Czarist regime.

the testimony of such famous Russian writers as Pushkin, Gogol, Herzen, Dobrolyubov, Belinsky, Chernyshevsky, Saltykov-Shechedrin, Leo Tolstoy and Maxim Gorky, who praised Mickiewicz's work highly and assigned it a lofty position in world literature.

There is no disputing the fact that Mickiewicz was one of the most popular poets in Russian history. Ivan Kireyevsky, in an article on "Russian Literature" published in 1830, linked Mickiewicz with Goethe, Schiller, Shakespeare, Byron and Moore "as the six poets particularly popular among the Russian writers of the period."

A recent book on the great Polish poet published by Columbia University points out that Mickiewicz was cordially received in Russian literary circles in 1824, when he was deported from Po-

'A Picture All America Should See'

Editor, Feature Section:

"Peace Will Win" is a picture all America should see. The thrilling power and determination of peoples throughout the world for peace, as demonstrated at the great Warsaw Peace Conference, the great truth that the people can and must be victorious—is magnificently portrayed in this great historic film.

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W. A. HUNTON, Secretary
Council on African Affairs



on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

Dodger Proxy Answers

A WEEK AGO we published the contents of a letter sent to Dodger proxy Walter O'Malley on the Florida atrocities, suggesting that Brooklyn fans expected the president of a team which "trained in that state and had an anti-discrimination history to join other Americans in publicly condemning the murderous racist outrages. Our letter ended "We would be happy to print any statement you wish to make."

A telegram arrived from O'Malley on Monday morning. Here it is:

LESTER RODNEY, SPORTS EDITOR, DAILY WORKER, NYK—HAVE YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 5TH. YOU OF COURSE ARE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE RECORD OF THE DODGERS. I BELIEVE THAT TO BE THE AMERICAN WAY.—WALTER F. O'MALLEY, PRESIDENT BROOKLYN BASEBALL CLUB.

We will leave it to the fans to decide whether this is a satisfactory statement on Florida.

Joe Williams on Louis, and the Facts

THE WORLD TELEGRAM'S Joe Williams, in a paragraph noting that Joe Louis seems to have finally retired, writes typically "Louis not only fought more often than any heavyweight champion but he was on the floor more times. There never was a big time fighter who was so easy to reach with a right hand."

Well, let's see. Let's run back through Joe Louis' record, the facts, something Williams obviously didn't do. He is not particularly interested in facts when he writes about Negro athletes.

Joe Louis fought twelve times as a pro before making his New York debut against Primo Carnera in 1935. He won ten of those twelve by KO, two by decision, and in none of them was he on the deck.

He knocked out Carnera and was not on the floor. Then he knocked out the thunderous punching Max Baer and was not on the floor. In his next fight, he was KO'd by Max Schmeling, the only time he ever was counted out till the sad finale of a washed-up 37-year-old against Rocky Marciano.

After Schmeling he disposed of Jack Sharkey, Al Ettore, Jorge Bessia, Eddie Simms, Bob Pastor and Natie Brown without ever hitting the floor. Then he won the championship of the world from Jim Braddock. In the first round he went down under a Braddock right in what was actually a half slip. He was up with no count and in no danger.

He then waded through Tommy Farr, Nathan Mann, Harry Thomas, Max Schmeling again and a slightly different story this time, John Henry Lewis and Jack Roper before ever touching the canvas again! Tony Galento, a clumsy brawler with a nightstick wallop, dropped him briefly, again for no count, and when Louis got up he promptly unleashed the finishing barrage against Two Ton Tony.

The next fighter to put Louis off his feet was 237-pound Buddy Baer, who knocked Joe through the ropes in Washington in the first. Once again the champ climbed back to take command and win later by KO. Between Galento and Baer he had disposed of Pastor again, Arturo Godoy twice, Johnny Paycheck, Al McCoy, Red Burman, Gus Dorazio, Abe Simca twice and Tony Musto without being knocked off his feet.

After Baer, Louis knocked out top ranking Billy Conn and Lou Nova without being knocked down by either and then went into the Army. When he came out he again KO'd Conn without going down, KO'd Tami Mauriello without going down, was knocked down twice by Walcott in the Garden fight which he won by decision, knocked out Walcott in a second fight and then lost the title to Ezzard Charles, who had the reflex-less veteran in trouble in the 14th, but never on the floor.

After that it was victories over Cesar Brion and Lee Savold with no knockdowns, and the finale against Marciano.

So now let's do some adding. In his professional career Joe Louis fought fifty-one times. In SIX of those fights he was knocked down. In FORTY-FIVE of them he was NOT knocked down.

As heavyweight champion Louis fought twenty-six times. He was knocked down in THREE of those title defenses, by Galento, Buddy Baer and Jersey Joe Walcott. He got up off the floor to KO the first two and to decision the third. In TWENTY-THREE of his twenty-six title defenses as champ Louis was NOT knocked down.

These figures conclusively show Kentucky Colonel Williams' remarks to be the malicious trash that they are.

This and That...

SAL MAGLIE, who isn't kidding, will not be at the Giants' opening training camp session at Phoenix next Monday unless Stoneham ups that figure to at least \$38,000. ... Because of the top interest in the St. Johns-St. Bonaventure game Thursday night, Ned Irish has scheduled this one first, meaning no TV. Did the same thing with the NYU-St. Louis game as a box office bolsterer. ... Duquesne may be the only team in the land equipped to handle Kentucky in a tourney showdown. First two programs of the Invitation Tourney on Saturday and Monday nights will be triple headers, no less, starting at 6 p.m. Witnesses of these programs will find basketballs floating through their dreams. ... The Peoples Republic of China has officially sent its entry to the Olympic Games. Sports life has undergone a phenomenal growth since the people took over from Chiang and his big business buddies.

WHAT IF DEPT: What if the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, one week after having his resignation accepted, became head of an organization called "The Russian Committee for the Liberation of the Peoples of the United States, Inc." and in a speech said the committee would "provide material aid to those undertaking practical anti-American activities."

That's our boy Admiral Kirk, taking over the "American Committee for the Liberation of the Peoples of Russia Inc." And what a howl the papers here will set up when some of Kirk's gang is nabbed trying to get where they can carry out their proclaimed sabotage.

The American people should be informed about this stuff going on while they are demanding peace.

Fight Demo Delay On Hughes-Brees Repeal in Albany

By MICHAEL SINGER

ALBANY, Feb. 12.—The Legislature was urged today to stay in session at least until June 1 so that "legislation of great importance and significance," including bills calling for repeal of the Hughes-Brees Law, can be adequately debated.

The resolution by Assemblyman Louis Peck, Bronx Democrat, came in the face of growing suspicions that Democratic leaders are stalling their bills to eliminate or amend the Hughes-Brees Law.

Two motions to discharge repeal measures from committees, scheduled for today, were suddenly delayed at the request of the sponsors. Sen. Harry Gittleson and Assemblyman Max Turshen, of Brooklyn, agreed to postpone their motions until next week.

This action followed conferences with State CIO president Louis Hollander, who later released a 23-page booklet on workmen's compensation with proposed legislative improvements. Neither Hollander

nor Harold Gamo, state CIO secretary, proposed any immediate floor fight against the Hughes-Brees Law.

When Turshen was asked why he withdrew his motion to discharge the repeal bill, he said:

"I haven't received enough data for debate from labor leaders."

Yet mountains of case histories and evidence proving how workers are being savagely hit by the law were distributed two weeks ago when the 750-man rank and file labor lobby demonstrated in Albany.

Sen. William J. Bianchi (R-ALP) has given notice to both parties that he will fight maneuvers to cripple the move for Hughes-Brees repeal.

ALBANY GESTURE MADE BY EMPTY-HANDED MAYOR

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Feb. 12.—The second act in the Impellitteri-Dewey fiscal farce opened here today with the arrival of the Mayor, Comptroller Lazarus Joseph and assistant budget director Abraham Beane, who will ask for \$63,800,000 in increased state aid at budget hearings tomorrow.

Republican leaders have already said the city can expect no more than \$6,000,000, but the Mayor, trying to coverup the sell-out on city services, salary increases and tax burdens on low-incomes, is making a grandstand play for voters.

Democratic leader Irwin Steingut introduced seven tax bills yesterday, one for cutting the sales

tax from three to two percent.

But the Mayor knows that the two percent sales tax is doomed unless the Legislature passes the \$90,000,000 gross business tax—which it won't. This means, of course, that he will be "forced" to raise the tax back to three percent.

The Mayor has been given the green light to raise fares. So far he hasn't said a word about this deal.

When the session winds up, the people of New York City are likely to have a fare increase, a cigarette tax of another cent, a street parking charge of \$60 a year, and a five percent boost on transient hotel rooms—but no state aid.

Honor Heroes Friday in Fight on Housing Bias

The heroes and heroines of the fight against housing bias in Manhattan will be honored Friday night by the Manhattan Tenant Councils. It was announced yesterday. The reception, coming at the climax of Negro history celebrations in Harlem, will be held in the Orchid Room of Small's Paradise, 135 St. and Seventh Ave.

Those to be honored are the Negro families who have moved into previously all-white communities. The white families who aided in these struggles will pay tribute to the Negroes, and awards will be presented by prominent personalities.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardine Hendrix, the first Negro family to move into Stuyvesant-Town, who recently signed a lease there after the successful city-wide struggle against

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.'s bias policy, will head the list of those to be feted.

Among whites receiving honors will be Paul Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kessler, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lorch, all leaders of the Stuyvesant-Town battle.

Also honored will be Mortimer Peterkin, Negro, who with his neighbors has conducted a two-year fight to remain in Chelsea. Peterkin was evicted along with white friends, whom he lived as guests on West 19 St., in December 1950. Another friend on West 18 St. sublet her apartment to him in April, 1951. The landlord subsequently began eviction proceedings which have gone all the way to the Appellate Division. Community support has been won by

Peterkin and it is expected he will finally win the right to live on 18 St.

Another will be Mrs. Maxine Olf Jackson. When she moved to 345 East 18 St. in May, 1950, Mrs. Jackson, then Miss Olf, was the guests of white friends, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Maser. In July, the Masers notified one of the building owners that they were moving and would leave Miss Olf in possession.

Subsequently Miss Olf paid two months rent in her own name. But, in October, the other owner discovered she was a Negro. The November rent was refused and eviction proceedings began. A community struggle developed around her case.

Others to be honored will be Mr. and Mrs. John Sims, also of Chelsea; James Yates, Earl and Mrs. Judy Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Boykin, Harold Cruse and Carl Woods, all of Greenwich Village; Luis Rivera, Miss Kay Siddons, Miss Thelma Beal of the East Side; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rucker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Arias, Mr. and Mrs. J. Skinner, and Mr. and Mrs. A. Sessamon of the Upper West Side.

Subscription to the affair will be two dollars, and can be secured at the Council offices at 2 E. 125 St., EN. 9-9827.

PICKET FRANCO CONSUL TO SAVE 11 DOOMED TO DEATH

Pickets with banners demanding a halt to the execution of 11 political prisoners in Barcelona marched in front of the Spanish consulate late yesterday at 53 St. and Madison Ave. The demonstration was sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee and the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Among the banners were some that called for unconditional freedom for Julio Alvarez del Vayo; former foreign minister of the anti-fascist Spanish Republic, who was held for three days on Ellis Island and has just been released by U.S. authorities "on parole."

Other banners carried by the pickets called for "No U.S. Loans to Franco," and "No Jail for the Foes of Franco," and reminded

passersby that "Franco Was Hitler's Pal."

BARCELONA, Feb. 12.—A Spanish military tribunal today sentenced to death nine more political prisoners. Eighteen other persons, including one woman, received prison sentences ranging from six months to 30 years.

All of the defendants in the two-day trial were identified as members of the Iberian Anarchist Federation (FAI), a political group, or the Workers National Confederation, a labor organization.

Those sentenced to death were Pedro Adrover Front, Antonio Moreno Alarcon, Gines Urrea Pina, Santiago Amir Gruanas, Jose Corral Marti, Domingo Ibars Juanias, Jose Perez Pedrero, Jorge Pons Argiles and Miguel Garcia.

French One-Day Strike Hits Ban on Anti-Fascist Rallies

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The entire northern coalfields were tied up today in the one-day general strike called by trade unions to protest the government's ban on demonstrations celebrating the February, 1934, anti-fascist struggle out of which grew the Popular front.

The strike is continuing in the Lorraine region for higher pay. At the Renault auto works in the Boulogne suburb, 100 policemen were sent to the hospital after they attacked strikers there. Barricades were set up in the battle. The factory management was forced to close the plant following the rout of the policemen.

A wave of arrests at 4 a.m., directed at militant transport workers, preceded strike action in Paris.

During the past two weeks, a formidable protest movement has been developing against the ban by the Edgar Faure government on demonstrations commemorating the birth of the Popular Front, and today's political action, the first of its kind in more than a year, climaxed the widening struggle.

Also of great importance, as a sign of the growing crisis in France,

is the three-day debate in the National Assembly on a European army.

The Communists have been joined by Edouard Daladier, the Radical leader; Andre Montell, important Catholic leader, and by rightwing nationalists like Gen. Aumeran in opposing the Eisenhower project, on the ground that revival of a Nazi army endangers France.

Even the Socialists, led by Jules Moch, are calling for a delay in the project.

Taken together with the virtual economic bankruptcy of France, today's action by a good section of the French working class—despite the Socialist leaders' sabotage—is a sign of approaching storms.

Albany Gets Bill to Ban 'Voluntary' Rent Increases

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Feb. 12.—A bill outlawing "voluntary" rent increases was introduced today by Assemblyman Ludwig Teller, Manhattan Democrat.

Nelson

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the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Nelson will speak at the Penthouse with Benjamin Careathers and Irving Weissman, his co-defendants in the coming Smith Act trial in Pittsburgh. Howard Fast, novelist, will also speak.

Nelson and Careathers are coming to New York on legal business connected with their Smith Act trial.

What's On?

Coming

A CONFERENCE on American-Soviet Relations. Can the two countries cooperate for World Peace? A whole day conference—Saturday, Feb. 13, 1953 at Brevoort Hotel—Fifth Ave. at 5th St. Sessions from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. With luncheon served. Admission including lunch \$2.00. Students, including lunch \$1.25. Moderator, Dr. Alpheus Hunton. Leaders of the conference Dr. Harry Grundfest, Mr. Hugh Deane, Mr. Victor Perlo and Miss Jessica Smith. For reservations write or phone: Nat'l Council American-Soviet Friendship, 114 E. End St., New York City, MU 3-2000.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN HONOR of Claudia Jones, Thursday, Feb. 21, 1953 at 8 p.m. at the United Mutual Auditorium, 310 Lenox Ave. Subscriptions \$1. Cultural program featuring: Earl Jones, Beulah Richardson, Lucy Brown and many others. Sponsored by Claudia Jones Birthday Committee—Save the date. ENJOY WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND, Feb. 24th at Nature Friends Camp Midvale (Midvale, New Jersey) at rates you can afford. About \$2.00 a day including everything: skiing, skating, entertainment, folk and social dancing. Only one hour from New York City. For further information call Tishone 3-3100. DANCE—Toward "Bright Tomorrow" and Freedom of Roosevelt Ward, 27. Gala Affair on March 1st at the Penthouse, 12 Astor Pl. Music by Bill Neutley's Starlighters. Tickets \$1.00 in adv. \$1.25 at the door (tax incl.) Available at Workers, Jeff School Bookshops, LYL Office, 199 Broadway.

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Bar 5 Negroes from Florida Jury

OCALA, Fla., Feb. 12.—Florida white supremacist justice "celebrated" Lincoln's birthday today by keeping five of the six prospective Negro jurors off the jury in the

5,600 Walk Out At Rubber Firm Over Speedup

DETROIT, Feb. 12.—For the third time in a week, 5,600 CIO workers at the U.S. Rubber Co., walked out today in a fight against speedup. Last Thursday and Friday the workers walked off the job when the speedup beef was not settled. The union leadership got them to agree to return to work yesterday on the grounds that state and federal mediators were settling the beef.

Today the workers are out again.

Pickets Halt Work on New U.S. Steel Plant

MORRISVILLE, Pa. Feb. 12.—Construction work on the U. S. Steel Corp.'s new Fairless Works was at a standstill for the second day today as 7,000 workers again refused to cross picket lines.

A jurisdictional issue raised by the Trenton, N. J. Local 68 of the Ironworkers Union has been referred to the national joint board for the settlement of jurisdictional disputes by the Philadelphia Building and Construction Trades Council (AFL).

9,000 at Ford in Canada Weigh Strike

By WILLIAM ALLAN

WINDSOR, Canada, Feb. 12.—Nine thousand Ford workers will weigh a strike tonight as the company refused, after one year of negotiations, to grant union demands.

One year ago, United Auto Workers Ford Local 200 started talks on a new contract and a 30-cents-an-hour wage increase demand. The workers want a plant-wide form of seniority.

Thirty-two shop leaders have been fired in the last year and 3,000 workers laid off. The 32 were fired for leading actions in the shop. Six of them face trials in the criminal courts.

The company's Canadian president, Rhys Sales, is known as one of Canada's leading warmongers and a McCarthy type of red-baiter. The union here has charged repeatedly that Sales plots to smash local 200.

A meeting of shop stewards will be held tonight and some form of action is expected with the next short period of time as both the local union leadership and the workers think one year is enough to be spent in bargaining.

QUEENS RAISES \$5,000 IN WEEK FOR DEFENSE OF 17

A contribution of \$5,000, raised in a week's time by the Queens County Communist Party, \$2,000 of it from non-party opponents of the Smith Act, was turned in yesterday to the \$100,000 emergency fund for the defense of New York and Pittsburgh victims of the thought-control Act.

Officials of the Queens County CP said they were acting quickly in response to the emergency appeal for \$100,000 in the hope that their example would inspire other party organizations to similar swiftness. In addition they called attention to the fact that almost half of the \$5,000 contribution came from general sources, declaring that timidity in approaching people was fatal. Many patriotic Americans, they said, who did not customarily give to defense funds were glad to give to

the trials of Walter Lee Irvin. Irvin is the only surviving Negro victim of the Groveland, Fla. "rape" frameup. He is still suffering from the wounds he suffered when he was shot and a co-defendant, Samuel Shepherd, was killed by Sheriff Willis McCall while they were being moved preparatory to the new trial ordered by the U. S. Supreme Court.

Two of the Negro talesman were barred from the jury on peremptory challenges by the state prosecutor. Three others were kept off when they expressed opposition to capital punishment or declared they had definite opinions on Irvin's innocence or guilt.

One white juror, Francis V. Cook a former New York City policeman, was excused when he explained that because of his police training "it would be easier to lean toward conviction" of the Negro defendant.

A sixth Negro talesman was to be examined after a noon recess today. Thus far 25 talesman have been excused. There is a panel of 100.

Irvin declared during a recess in the proceedings, that he has been in such pain since he was crippled by Sheriff McCall's bullet that his right hand and right side of his body are "dead" and his body is wracked any time he moves. He said he "begged for two weeks" for an opportunity to see a doctor at the Ralston State Penitentiary. (Continued on Page 6)

Nelson Acquitted In 'Contempt' Trial

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Steve Nelson was acquitted today in Federal Court of contempt of the House Un-American Committee. U. S. District Judge James R. Kirkland,

after hearing lengthy arguments by prosecution and defense lawyers, granted the defense motion to dismiss the charges against Nelson.

Nelson was charged on 35 counts for refusing in June, 1949, to answer questions of the Un-American Committee.

Ralph Powe, Washington Negro attorney, and Milton Freedman, of New York, who represented Nelson, pointed out that Nelson had clearly exercised his privilege against self incrimination.

Powe made the point that four of the counts on which Nelson was indicted were not included in

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Jersey CP Calls for Arrest of Responsible Airline Authorities

NEWARK, Feb. 12.—The Communist Party of New Jersey today called for indictment and prosecution of air transport corporation heads and Port of New York Authority officials responsible for three airliner crashes in two months, which brought death to

before airlines profits."

Mrs. Stone voiced the demand that the crash-haunted Newark Airport, which was shut down temporarily after a National Airlines DC-6 plowed into an Elizabeth apartment house Monday killing 31 and injuring 43, be kept closed.

The Communist Party, in addition, urged the people to demand that state and federal governments, together with the airline companies, pay "full reparations" to families of the crash victims. "Federal authorities," Mrs. Stone said, "are investigating the engine failures in the three individual planes that crashed. But the real cause of this terrible menace to human life is known. The cold facts cannot be hidden by any amount of statements from Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and his airline corporation crowd."

"The facts show that not a single life would have been lost in Elizabeth if the Newark airport had been closed and rebuilt far away from a populous city area."

Mrs. Stone charged that the Port of New York Authority, which operates the field, the New Jer-

sey state government, Army Air Force and Civil Aeronautics Board refused to relocate the airport "because it would cut into company profits."

"Now tragedy has struck again," she said. "And now the airport has been temporarily closed. It must stay closed."

The Communist leader recalled that after the Long Island Railroad and Penn. Railroad Woodbridge disasters, engineers of the wrecked trains were indicted, while corporation heads, "whose profit-greed was really responsible for criminal negligence, went scot-free."

"When the cold war exploded in the South Amboy disaster," she said, "the munitions corporations and Defense Department never paid a cent reparations to the bereaved families."

"The people of Elizabeth and Newark want no such whitewash. Justice demands the indictment and prosecution of the corporation heads and Port of New York Authority officials responsible for those mass murders."

Residents of the two cities, Mrs. (Continued on Page 6)

NO LETDOWN IN THE FINAL LAP, SUB-GETTERS WARNED

Say, friends of The Worker, we're not getting a little complacent by any chance, are we? It's been a great sub campaign, and the figures to date are still confounding those who thought "it couldn't be done in 1952."

But just the same, New Yorkers who figured they would have cinched 10,000 Worker and Daily Worker subs by this past weekend fell 500 short, and that ain't hay.

This makes for a tough row to hoe to reach that 15,000 goal by March, but the subs are still there to be gotten the way the other 9,500 were gotten. In other words, the people are still for peace in Korea, still against the wage freeze and war profiteering, (Continued on Page 6)

Airforce Gags Men in Major Davis' Command

TOKYO, Feb. 12.—Lt. Gen. Frank Everest, commander of the Ridgway Fifth Air Force, today issued an order barring any statements by men under his command on the death in action Sunday of Maj. George A. Davis, jet fighter pilot. In a disparaging tone,

Everest declared that "Davis has had too much publicity already."

But the censorship order appeared to be based not on a dislike for "publicity," which Air Force brass usually scramble for, but rather because of the charge in Lubbock, Tex., by Davis' widow that the pilot not only wanted to come home but had

never volunteered for Korean duty in the first place.

At the same time that Gen. Everest gagged the fier's former associates, the Far East Air Forces contemptuously brushed aside Mrs. Davis' demand for "a full scale investigation of why he (Davis) was left in Korea." Mrs. Davis, ex-

pecting her third child in May, collapsed Sunday on learning of her husband's death in what she called "a war without reason."

Air Force officials admitted that they could not justify the silencing of Davis' comrades on the grounds of "security," because none was involved.

Mother Blames Death of GI on Both Dems, GOP

KNOXVILLE, Ky., Feb. 12.—A mother heartsick with grief over the death of her son in Korea in a war "without a cause" demonstrated in a letter to the Knoxville Journal that the people blame both Republicans and Democrats, both Truman and MacArthur, for the war policy.

Indicating that people are beginning to see that Wall Street and the war-makers run both parties despite the demagoguery of both, Mrs. Dora Tipton of Townsend, wrote on Jan. 21:

"I have just finished reading the editorial in The Journal where the two men refused to take the Medal of Honor. I would like to shake hands with those two men. If all people that felt that way would come out and tell the world what they did, we might have a better world for our younger people to live in. We don't want Truman any longer, and we don't want MacArthur. They both had to do with the killing of our sons. My son was killed over there, and I say without a cause. We are heartbroken, and never will be any other way.

"We don't want a warmonger for our leader. We would like a man that lives his religion to be our leader. The whole Tipton family are bitter over our son being killed over there, but I don't see any honor. To me it is a disgrace to America for our sons to be driven so far from home to kill and to be killed just to please a few blood thirsty men.

"I can't explain my thoughts. There has never been a love greater than a mother's love for her son. We had but one son. His body is somewhere over there. It's been over there a year. They haven't sent his body back. We mothers don't even have the pleasure of looking on a grave where our sons have been laid. How could we be any other way but bitter? We would love to have peace all over the world. We mothers have grandchildren. We don't want them to live in a troubled world like we are living in. My son left five little children. I don't want his boys to die like he did.

"Please print this in The Journal. I want the world to know how I feel."

Utica Pastor Urges Repeal of McCarran Act

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The people of Utica were urged by the Rev. Arnold F. Keller of the Church of the Redeemer here to demand repeal of the McCarran Act and to save the U.S. from becoming a "Nazi madhouse." In a letter published by the Utica Daily Press on Feb. 8, the Rev. Keller denounced the reported preparation of concentration camps for "probable saboteurs" and charged that the Bill of Rights has become "less than a scrap of paper."

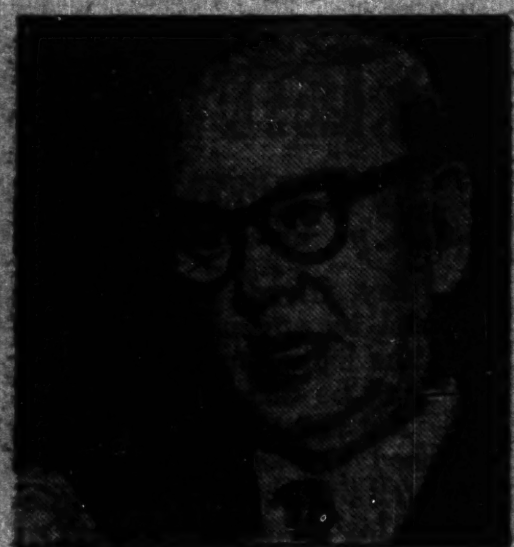
His letter, in part, follows: "Military madness will make a Nazi madhouse out of the United States yet. The pattern is too well known for us to be indifferent to the symptoms of its unfolding here. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

"Recent press reports of the setting up under the McCarran Act of five concentration camps emphasized anew the necessity of the immediate repeal of the act. James V. Bennett, federal director of prisons under the direction of Attorney General McGrath, is readying former military camps as places of detention for what the McCarran Acts terms 'probable saboteurs' in the case of a declaration of a state of internal security emergency."

"Shades of 'secret police' and

'gestapo' are rapidly falling over the nation. Editors, preachers, teachers—and all others who would dare criticize or question the national policies—could and would be apprehended as 'probable saboteurs.' With this act the Bill of Rights becomes less than a scrap of paper. The detention camp is an effective way of getting all opposition out of the way. It can happen here!

"Concentration camps are not the traditional American way of life. We urge all, therefore, to write or telegraph the President, Senators and Congressmen at once, protesting the setting up of concentration camps. Urge Congressman William R. Williams to support HR 3118—the Sabath bill to repeal the McCarran Act, which was conceived in typical Washington confusion and abetted by military madness."



MURRAY

MURRAY ASKED TO ACT ON CHAUVINISM IN ERIE CIO PAPER

CIO president Philip Murray's attention has been called to a cartoon in the People's Press, the CIO publication of Erie, Pa., in which a Negro is pictured in the familiar stereotype minstrel-like form. There was no indication of what action, if any, Murray took on this horrible example of anti-Negro influence in the labor movement. But editor Waveil H. See, meanwhile, is smarting under a barrage of criticism and denunciation from Negro papers and other quarters.

The cartoon, in which a Negro offering to wash windows is made to speak in "Negro dialect" first caught the attention of John Steuben, editor of March of Labor. Steuben released photostatic copies of the cartoon, along with a letter

of criticism to See and another to Murray.

The release, according to Steuben's office, also went to Negro and other publications. A number of Negro publications commented favorably on Steuben's action.

Steuben advised Waveil to apologize at least, and noted that during the very week the cartoon appeared, Nov. 8, Murray in a speech before the CIO convention conceded that "the CIO shelters bigots as poisonous on race relations as the Ku Klux Klan."

"We think the publication of this cartoon is an expression of this poison inside the CIO," continued Steuben.

Waveil See's reply, also released by Steuben, said, "I fail to under-

stand your accusation."

The cartoon, See continued, said only "depicts the little ironies of life" and he adds that "frequently the Irish, the English, the German and the Jew are depicted, either by facial characteristics or by dialect." He accused Steuben of "reading into the lines" and continues:

"I know many Negroes, many of whom have attained considerable prestige and position. These men and women do not keep harping about 'discrimination.' They are not continually trying to find something they can use to feed a persecution complex. They are normal men and women."

1.—"Hoover and Taft give voice in American discussion of foreign policy to those conservative capitalist elements which do not want war."

2.—"As regards coexistence, 'Hoover turns up in his own way much closer to Henry Wallace's old position, which was also FDR's, than to Truman's.'"

3.—"The tone, the words and the fiscal philosophy in that portion of the Hoover address that dealt with the inflationary danger, are correct for today."

4.—"We of the anti-cold war camp find ourselves drawn into alliance with Hoover. . . . An isolationism which may help halt the drift to war is preferable."

5.—"to Dulles-Dewey and Truman-Acheson internationalism."

THESE CONCLUSIONS are Mr. Stone's, not Hoover's. Nor can they be drawn from Hoover's words except by wishful thinking. For when we go beyond Hoover's demagoguery and examine his program, we find a program not to achieve peace, but to organize war. True, he is for organizing it differently from Truman and Acheson, differently

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from Dewey and Dulles, but he is for organizing war nonetheless.

Because he stands for the military alliance with Britain as of today; for Eisenhower's success in raising an European army, and in any event for armies of the European countries as the main source of manpower in Europe; for making the Western Hemisphere a "Gibraltar of freedom"—meaning a safe rear for expanding the United States and British air and sea forces into a "highly mobile striking force" as a "deterrent" to "punish any aggression;" for furnishing satellites with munitions; for speeding up the war preparations of the European countries, demanding that they "provide ground forces for our airfields within their boundaries" and "protect our airfields outside the NATO countries;" for the MacArthur policy in Korea and against China.

This is Hoover's program—at least as much as he cared to state. But can this program be construed as a program for peace?

Moreover, there is not a word in Hoover's speech about promoting friendly relations and trade relations with the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies, although he is sharply critical of the fiscal policies of the Truman Administration which have led to the "overstraining of our economy by our gigantic expenditures." Would the omission of new business relations with great and prospering countries, in such a context, be consistent with a perspective of peaceful coexistence? Espe-

cially today, when the State Department is trying by might and main to prevent the great international economic conference in Moscow next fall from achieving any increase in East-West trade?

HOOVER'S "isolationism," therefore, proves on examination to be as aggressively "internationalist" as that of Truman-Acheson and Dewey-Dulles. Yet, in the name of bulwarking his pre-election case, Hoover has exploded the myth of "Soviet aggression" and "has clearly stated—though with no such conscious purpose—that this entire hoax which has been the sole foundation for the Truman Administration's foreign and domestic policy, is a monstrous fraud carrying the nation to disaster."

In addition, Hoover's criticisms of Truman's fiscal policies, citing the "blight of inflation," "confiscatory taxes," and a "reduction of the living standard of the working population," reflect the widespread dissatisfaction with the war program which is sweeping the country, causing worries regarding the prospect of bankruptcy even among sections of the capitalists. Implicit in this pre-election criticism is also the admission that a war economy cannot solve capitalism's fundamental problems. And this admission by a notorious representative of monopoly capitalism knocks the props from under the claims and hopes of the right wing trade union bureaucrats, who have obediently tailed Wall Street's war-chariot with promises of better pay and

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UTICA PAPER ASSAILS STOOPIE CHAMBERS' LIES

UTICA, N. Y., Feb. 11.—The Saturday Evening Post was sharply rebuked by the Utica Daily Press here for publishing the anti-Communist "confessions" of Whittaker Chambers. Tearing into the police spy, Chambers, the Press declared editorially on Feb. 8:

"Now really! Are we all supposed to be crazy? Are we to shape our affairs and conduct by what a self-confessed liar and cheat assumes to 'tell' us now?"

The Daily Press is published by the Frank Gannett chain, and Gannett himself has long been associated politically with the most violently reactionary and anti-labor circles in America. It was noted here that while the editorial on Chambers contained the usual amount of anti-Communist slander, the Gannett paper correctly assumed that the public has nothing but a feeling of disgust and contempt for the stoolpigeons, renegades and police tools being offered to them as models of "patriotism."

The Daily Press declared, in part:

"We Americans are being exposed to some pretty tremendous

stuff about Communism. For one item, take the issue of Collier's a few weeks ago, which attempted to forecast the war which eventually, of course, we win by defeating Soviet Russia. That stirred some political disturbances in Europe, as it properly should. This week we have another, from the ultra-conservative Saturday Evening Post.

"And what does this paper, which boasts of its early association with Benjamin Franklin—who was nobody's fool in his service to our country in its early and perilous days—offer us? Whittaker Chambers. Now really! Are we all supposed to be crazy? Are we to shape our affairs and conduct by what a self-confessed liar and cheat assumes to 'tell' us now?"

"We are somewhat amazed that The Post takes responsibility for presenting to a national audience, a corny and self-incriminating document. Chambers has been in and out of hearings so many times that it would take a rather glib editor to accept anything he now has to offer, regarding his past as a confident or tool of the Communist regime."

"In the first installment Cham-

bers with an unctuous quality which must make every father squirm, addresses his 'confession' to his children. The poor things. We hope this episode will pass before they ever grow up to realize what a fakir their sanctimonious father is, as he presents his 'story' to the American people. . . .

"Secondly, we see no sense in putting around with a character like Chambers who has long since forfeited any right to respect by the American people. If we seek to do something constructive we had better attend to our own political failures in Washington. We have plenty to do there for our own protection and benefit, instead of thrashing over the old straw of Communist 'plot.'"

275 Steel Union Members End Rail Walkout

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 12.—

Non-operating employees of the Conemaugh and Black Lick Railroad walked off their jobs last week in a dispute over rates on a new type of rail. They decided to return to work today in a special union meeting upon the insistence of Ransom Reeder, assistant director of District 13, United Steelworkers Union, who demanded the contract procedure be followed.

Some 275 workers were involved in the walkout.

The railroad services the eight-mile long local plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. and a number of other companies in the area.

End Erie, Pa., Strike

ERIE, Pa., Feb. 12.—Some 600 workers of the Lead Mfg. Co., who closed the plant Jan. 31 when one man was fired for refusing to operate three machines simultaneously, returned to work today on a "tentative" agreement negotiated by officials of the AFL Machinists Union, which represents the employees. Terms were not disclosed.

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Waiting for the Emancipation Proclamation, Dec. 31, 1862

Scores of meetings of Negro people and their friends were held throughout the land, on the evening of Dec. 31, 1862, when the Emancipation Proclamation was proclaimed. One such meeting, held in Boston, is described by Frederick Douglass.

An immense assembly convened in Tremont Temple to await the first flash of the electric wires announcing the "new departure." Two years of war, prosecuted in the interests of slavery, had made free speech possible in Boston, and we were now met together to receive and celebrate the first utterance of the long-hoped-for proclamation, if it came, and, if it did not come, to speak our minds freely; for, in view of the past, it was by no means certain that it would come.

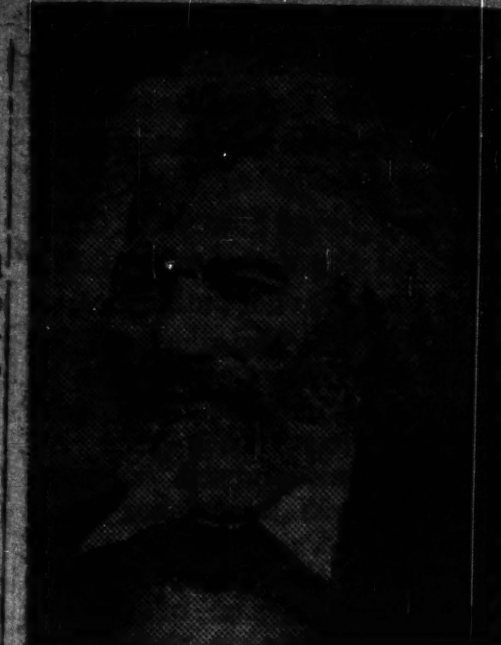
The occasion, therefore, was one of both hope and fear. Our ship was on the open sea, tossed by a terrible storm; wave after wave

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was passing over us, and every hour was fraught with increasing peril.

Every moment of waiting chilled our hopes, and strengthened our fears. A line of messengers was established between the telegraph office and the platform of Tremont Temple, and the time was occupied with brief speeches from Hon. Thomas Russell of Plymouth, Miss Anne E. Dickinson (a lady of marvelous eloquence), Rev. Mr. (Leonard) Grimes, J. Sella Martin, William Wells Brown and myself.

But speaking or listening to speeches was not the thing for which the people had come together. The time for argument was passed. It was not logic, but the trumpet of jubilee, which everybody wanted to hear. We were waiting and listening as for a bolt from the sky, which would rend the fetters of four millions of slaves; we were watching, as it



FREDERICK DOUGLASS

were, for the dim light of the stars, for the dawn of a new day; we were longing for the answer to the agonizing prayer of centuries. Remembering those in bonds as bound with them, we wanted to join in the shout for freedom, and in the anthem of the redeemed.

Eight, nine, 10 o'clock came and went, and still no word. A visible shadow seemed falling on the expecting throng, which the confident utterances of the speakers sought in vain to dispel. At last, when patience was well-nigh exhausted, and suspense was becoming agony, a man (I think it was Judge Russell) with hasty step advanced through the crowd, and with a face fairly illuminated with the news he bore, exclaimed in tones that thrilled all hearts, "It is coming! It is on the wires!"

The effect of this announcement was startling beyond description, and the scene was wild and grand. Joy and gladness exhausted all forms of expression, from shouts of praise to sobs and tears. My old friend, Rue, a Negro preacher, a man of wonderful vocal power, expressed the heartfelt emotion of the hour, when he led all voices in the anthem, "Sound the loud timbrel o'er Egypt's dark sea, Jehovah hath triumphed, his people are free."

hovah hath triumphed, his people are free."

About 12 o'clock, seeing there was no disposition to retire from the hall, which must be vacated, my friend Grimes (of blessed memory) rose and moved that the meeting adjourn to the Twelfth Baptist Church, of which he was pastor, and soon the church was packed from doors to pulpit, and this meeting did not break up till near the dawn of day. It was one of the most affecting and thrilling occasions I ever witnessed, and a worthy celebration of the first step on the part of the nation in its departure from the thralldom of ages.

—From "Life and Times of Frederick Douglass," and reprinted in "A Documentary History of the Negro People," edited by Herbert Aptheker.

'A Documentary Of Real World,' Says Mike Gold

Editor, Feature Section:

"Peace Will Win" is a picture that should astound the tired and cynical American who has never realized that he lives behind an Iron Curtain. For here is the documentary portrait of the world as it actually is formed today—the world of humanity that wants peace, organizes, fights and wins peace.

The sight of these human multitudes from every corner of the globe—Africans, Hindus, French, Germans, Israelis and Egyptians—Chinese, Americans, Koreans and Brazilians—all, all are here, the free, beautiful, hopeful human race—Ah, it is thrilling and heartening to be reminded of them amid the neon-lit pessimism of New York. This picture warms the heart and mind of a surrounded American. It is a lesson in hope for the future of mankind.

MICHAEL GOLD

N. Y. TIMES SLANDERS THE MEMORY OF ADAM MICKIEWICZ, POLAND'S GREAT POET

By DAVID FLATT

Last Sunday, the New York Times Magazine led off with a boorish article attacking the literature and culture of the USSR and People's Democracies in East Europe.

The article was entitled "The Great Liquidation: Satellite Culture," and was authored by one, Michael Padev, described as a student of East European literature who has spent most of his life in Bulgaria.

It set out to show that "Russia, by destroying the traditions of subject nations, imperils the roots of their existence."

Among the many examples Padev cites as evidence of this, one will suffice to expose the fraud which he has perpetrated upon readers of the Times. Padev writes:

"... Satellite writers are obliged to follow not only a Communist and a Soviet party line; they have also to give a strictly Russian interpretation of their countries' cultural traditions and of their literature. Poles today, for example, are told that their greatest poet and national hero, Adam Mickiewicz (1798-1855), was an ardent supporter of cooperation and friendship with Russia, while in fact he was a nationalist who fought Russia all his life."

It is true that Mickiewicz loved Poland dearly and fought for her independence with his person as well as with his pen, but his enemy at all times was the Czarist Russian Government which hounded him to his dying day, and not the Russian people who loved him and whose friendship and cooperation he ardently sought and won.

This is evidenced above all byland to Russia by the Czarist regime. The testimony of such famous Russian writers as Pushkin, Gogol, Herzen, Dobrolyubov, Belinsky, Chernyshevsky, Saltykov - Shchedrin, Leo Tolstoy and Maxim Gorky, who praised Mickiewicz's work highly and assigned it a lofty position in world literature.

There is no disputing the fact that Mickiewicz was one of the most popular poets in Russian history. Ivan Kireyevsky, in an article on "Russian Literature" published in 1830, linked Mickiewicz with Goethe, Schiller, Shakespeare, Byron and Moore "as the six poets particularly popular among the Russian writers of the period."

A recent book on the great Polish poet published by Columbia University points out that Mickiewicz was cordially received in Russian literary circles, in 1824, when he was deported from Po-

'A Picture All America Should See'

Editor, Feature Section:

"Peace Will Win" is a picture all America should see. The thrilling power and determination of peoples throughout the world for peace, as demonstrated at the great Warsaw Peace Conference, the great truth that the people can and must be victorious—is magnificently portrayed in this great historic film.

No one, after seeing it, can fail to understand what tremendous allies for peace in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas the progressive peace movement in the United States has.

W. A. HUNTON, Secretary Council on African Affairs



on the scoreboard

by lester rodney

Dodger Prexy Answers

A WEEK AGO we published the contents of a letter sent to Dodger prexy Walter O'Malley on the Florida atrocities, suggesting that Brooklyn fans expected the president of a team which trained in that state and had an anti-discrimination history to join other Americans in publicly condemning the murderous racist outrages. Our letter ended "We would be happy to print any statement you wish to make."

A telegram arrived from O'Malley on Monday morning. Here it is:

LESTER RODNEY, SPORTS EDITOR, DAILY WORKER, NYK—HAVE YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 5TH. YOU OF COURSE ARE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE RECORD OF THE DODGERS. I BELIEVE THAT TO BE THE AMERICAN WAY.—WALTER F. O'MALLEY, PRESIDENT BROOKLYN BASEBALL CLUB.

We will leave it to the fans to decide whether this is a satisfactory statement on Florida.

Joe Williams on Louis, and the Facts

THE WORLD TELEGRAM'S Joe Williams, in a paragraph noting that Joe Louis seems to have finally retired, writes typically "Louis not only fought more often than any heavyweight champion but he was on the floor more times. There never was a big time fighter who was so easy to reach with a right hand."

Well, let's see. Let's run back through Joe Louis' record, the facts, something Williams obviously didn't do. He is not particularly interested in facts when he writes about Negro athletes.

Joe Louis fought twelve times as a pro before making his New York debut against Primo Camera in 1935. He won ten of those twelve by KO, two by decision, and in none of them was he on the deck.

He knocked out Camera and was not on the floor. Then he knocked out the thunderous punching Max Baer and was not on the floor. In his next fight, he was KO'd by Max Schmeling, the only time he ever was counted out till the sad finale of a washed-up 37-year-old against Rocky Marciano.

After Schmeling he disposed of Jack Sharkey, Al Ettore, Jorge Bescia, Eddie Stans, Bob Pastor and Natie Brown without ever hitting the floor. Then he won the championship of the world from Jim Braddock. In the first round he went down under a Braddock right in what was actually a half slip. He was up with no count and in no danger.

He then waded through Tommy Farr, Nathan Mann, Harry Thomas, Max Schmeling again and a slightly different story this time, John Henry Lewis and Jack Roper before ever touching the canvas again! Tony Calento, a clumsy brawler with a nightstick wallop, dropped him briefly, again for no count, and when Louis got up he promptly unleashed the finishing barrage against Two Ton Tony.

The next fighter to put Louis off his feet was 237-pound Buddy Baer, who knocked Joe through the ropes in Washington in the first. Once again the champ climbed back to take command and win later by KO. Between Calento and Baer he had disposed of Pastor again, Arturo Godoy twice, Johnny Paycheck, Al McCoy, Red Burman, Gus Dorazio, Abe Simon twice and Tony Musto without being knocked off his feet.

After Baer, Louis knocked out top ranking Billy Conn and Lou Nova without being knocked down by either and then went into the Army. When he came out he again KO'd Conn without going down, KO'd Tami Maunello without going down, was knocked down twice by Walcott in the Garden fight which he won by decision, knocked out Walcott in a second fight and then lost the title to Erzzard Charles, who had the reflex-less veterans in trouble in the 14th, but never on the floor.

After that it was victories over Cesar Brion and Lee Sayold with no knockdowns, and the finale against Marciano.

So now let's do some adding. In his professional career Joe Louis fought fifty-one times. In SIX of those fights he was knocked down. In FORTY-FIVE of them he was NOT knocked down.

As heavyweight champion Louis fought twenty-six times. He was knocked down in THREE of those title defenses, by Calento, Buddy Baer and Jersey Joe Walcott. He got up off the floor to KO the first two and to decision the third. In TWENTY-THREE of his twenty-six title defenses as champ Louis was NOT knocked down.

These figures conclusively show Kentucky Colonel Williams' remarks to be the malicious trash that they are.

This and That...

SAL MAGLIE, who isn't kidding, will not be at the Giants' opening training camp session at Phoenix next Monday unless Stoneham ups that figure to at least \$38,000. ... Because of the top interest in the St. Johns-St. Bonaventure game Thursday night, Ned Irish has scheduled this one first, meaning no TV. Did the same thing with the NYU-St. Louis game as a box office bolsterer. ... Duquesne may be the only team in the land equipped to handle Kentucky in a tourney showdown. First two programs of the Invitation Tourney on Saturday and Monday nights will be triple headers, no less, starting at 6 p.m. Witnesses of these programs will find basketballs floating through their dreams. ... The Peoples Republic of China has officially sent its entry to the Olympic Games. Sports life has undergone a phenomenal growth since the people took over from Chiang and his big business buddies.

WHAT IF DEPT: What if the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, one week after having his resignation accepted, became head of an organization called "The Russian Committee for the Liberation of the Peoples of the United States, Inc." and in a speech said the committee would "provide material aid to those undertaking practical anti-American activities."

That's our boy Admiral Kirk, taking over the "American Committee for the Liberation of the Peoples of Russia Inc." And what a howl the papers here will set up when some of Kirk's gang is nabbed trying to get where they can carry out their proclaimed sabotage.

The American people should be informed about this stuff going on while they are demanding peace.

Progressive Party in Drive for Place on '52 Michigan Ballot

DETROIT.—Announcing its determination that "the people of Michigan shall have a real choice in 1952," the Progressive Party this week launched a petition drive for 25,000 signatures by May 1 to win a place on the November ballot. At the same time the Progressives sent out a call to a state-wide open conference to be held in Detroit to map a campaign strategy and to organize for the successful completion of the petition drive.

The conference will start at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Craftmen's Hall, 275 E. Ferry, Detroit. Featured speaker will be C. B. Baldwin, a former member of the Farm Security Administration under President Roosevelt, and now national executive secretary of the Progressive Party.

The Progressives declared that their intention to put a peace ticket in the field "means that the most pressing problems facing the American people will become the major issues of the 1952 presidential campaign."

"It means a chance to crack out of the iron triangle of war, economic ruin and repression that the Taft-Eisenhower-Truman forces have in store. It means a chance to work and vote for a lasting peace, for a peacetime economy, for lower prices and taxes, for jobs and economic security, for the preservation of the Bill of Rights and for full equality for the Negro people," the statement added.

ADA Blasts Witchhunt in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—Widespread protest at the House Un-American Committee's scheduled local witchhunt against lawyers, doctors and trade unionists was urged here by the executive board of the Los Angeles chapter of Americans for Democratic Action.

The ADA statement reiterated its opposition to communism but said that what is needed "is not less but more and stronger adherence to our traditional legal safeguards and to our great heritage of freedom of thought and speech."

Dean McHenry of the University of California at Los Angeles is local head of the ADA.

Negro Candidates Will Run For Office in All Parties

DETROIT.—Negro History Week in Michigan finds vital forces in motion to make a decisive break with the jimcrow pattern of political representation.

This fact was highlighted last week by announcements by Negro candidates who will seek nomination in both major parties, and by the announcement of the Progressive Party that it is starting a drive for a place on the ballot.

Charles Digges, former state senator and author of the state's anti-discrimination law, has an-

nounced for Congress in the First CD in Detroit. Rev. Metcalf, Negro churchman is reported filing in the 13th Dist. Other Negro candidates have announced in the Republican primaries and a large number have filed for state senate and state legislature, including the incumbent Mrs. Charlene White; Charles Digges, Jr., Edgar Currie and Bristoe Bryant. It is also expected that Dr. Milton, Wayne County coroner, will be a candidate for reelection.

Win Court Fight to Halt Jimcrow Eviction Of Tenants' Council Leaders From Their Home

CHICAGO.—The Chicago Tenants and Consumers Council has halted an attempt to extend the race prejudice of Cicero into the Drexel Boulevard area.

Anxious tenants awaited the decision of Judge Clorfene of the Municipal Court in the case of Morris Granat, a member of the executive board of the Chicago Tenants and Consumers Council, who rented an apartment at 4625 South Drexel Boulevard Dec. 15, 1951 and was told to vacate the apartment after the manager of the building learned that his wife was Negro.

Mr. Granat is the husband of Jo Collier, council executive secretary. "The shutting off of the electricity in our apartment on the date we moved in and the continuous harassment with notes to vacate the apartment," declared Miss Collier, "clearly indicated to us that the sole purpose of the landlord's desire to evict us was his desire to maintain a 'lily-white' building."

Although Mr. Granat had been given a receipt from the manager of the building showing that he

had paid 1½ months rent on the apartment and the janitor had given him the keys to the apartment, Mr. Floyd Landis, the manager, claimed that Mr. Granat had no right to occupy the apartment and sought to have him removed as a trespasser.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Granat were represented in court by Irving G. Steinberg, 180 W. Washington St.

Members of the Chicago Tenants and Consumers Council listened intensely to the questioning of Judge Clorfene of the defendant, Morris Granat, who the landlord had claimed to be undesirable without producing any evidence to substantiate his claim, and cheered when the judge failed to

House Appliance Sales Slump

The decline in the purchasing power of the people is reflected typically in the sharp slump in sales of small household appliances. A report in the Wall Street Journal (Jan. 24) indicated the sentiment prevailing among 8,000 dealers showing their wares at the National Housewares and Home Appliance Market in Chicago. "Retailers are buying cautiously" was the report, "by the carton, not the carload."

This in turn reflected the slow sales in retail outlets. Some reported that even though Christmas sales held up fairly well, "in January sales just disappeared."

As the Herald-Tribune economic review of the year and many other business organs are beginning to admit, the lag in retail trade, resulting from the higher prices and higher taxes on the people, "offers a cloud on the business horizon."

Truman's recent economic report to Congress, admitted declines in consumer expenditures and sales last year. The current outlook indicates a further slump.

"North Star" HOOTENANNY and DANCE

People's Artists celebration of Negro History Week, featuring Frank Lopez, Bob DeCormier, Laura Duncan, Harlem Dance Group, Betty Sanders, Bill Robinson, Osborne Smith, Earl Shendell and Orch., many more. Tickets \$1.20, in advance (reserved section) at bookshops, People's Art, 799 E. 12th St., OR 7-13411.

Thurs., Feb. 21, 8:30
Penthouse, 13 Astor Pl.

Bar Relief to Mother of Two For Her Political Beliefs

PITTSBURGH.—In a decision establishing a precedent for barring needy persons from public assistance because of their political opinions, Judge Henry X. O'Brien sustained the action of the Allegheny County relief authorities, who last May 25 had declared Mrs. Antoinette Nuss ineligible for Mothers Assistance on the basis of the notorious stoolpigeon Matt Cvetic's unsupported allegation that she was a member of the Communist Party.

O'Brien's decision is another attempt on the part of the local judiciary to outlaw the Communist Party by decree and follows the line established by the other judges here who have presided in issues effecting that organization. He would have had this needy mother deprived of aid

sooner except for the length of the Onda-Dolsen sedition trial over which he presided. The Nuss question had come up before him prior to the trial but he had postponed his decision until its end, not anticipating the eight months' delay it would cause.

According to the judge the State of Pennsylvania has to protect itself from this mother of two small children because her political ideas and activities "endanger" its government. One would think it would be the grafters, cheaters, thieves and swindlers in high political positions — Republicans of Judge O'Brien's party or Democrats of Judge Musmanno's party — who are making our state and national governments the object of contempt by honest, sincerely patriotic American citizens.

Attorney Hymen Schlessinger, who represented Mrs. Nuss, has announced that O'Brien's decision will be appealed.

Unions To Rally For Defense Of Louis Weinstock

A pre-trial trade union mobilization in defense of Louis Weinstock, veteran trade union leader who with 15 co-defendants will go on trial under the thought-control Smith Act on March 3, will be held Saturday, March 1, at 2 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Cornish Arms, 311 W. 23 St.

This was announced yesterday by Morris Schwartz, president of AFL Painters Local 905, who said that "the Smith Act trial of Weinstock, an outstanding leader of the AFL Painters Brotherhood for 25 years, is a preview of a general attack on labor. We must stop these thought-control trials already being directed against trade union leaders from here to Honolulu, or the very existence of trade unions will be endangered."

Speakers will include Harry Sacher, labor attorney now being persecuted because of his "excess of zeal" in defending the Communist leaders at the first Foley Square thought-control trial; Pearl Lavv, Negro woman trade unionist, a leader of the Greater New York Negro Labor Council and of the Fur and Leather Workers Union; and Weinstock, who for many years was the secretary and treasurer of District 9 of the Painters Union. The mobilization is being held under the auspices of the Painters Committee to Defend Louis Weinstock and to Repeal the Smith Act, Room 545, 80 E. 11 St., New York, N. Y.

Predict New High For Wall St. Profits

Profits of corporations in the United States are expected to hit a new high this year.

A peak of over \$46 billion (before taxes) is predicted in Labor Research Association's Economic Notes for February, just out. This is over a billion more than the profits reported for the year just passed and \$4.7 billion higher than those in 1950. In both years new records had been set.

Despite higher taxes, the trend in profits (after taxes) will be upward during the current year with an annual rate of \$18.9 billion being reached probably in the last half of 1952. This would be a substantial gain over the \$16.6 billion rate during the last half of 1951.

Economic Notes, monthly bulletin of the research organization, is available at progressive bookstores at 15c a copy. Year's subscription at \$1.50, may be secured from Labor Research Association, 80 E. 11 St., New York City 3, N. Y.

Move to Bar Damages to Kin Of Lost Crew

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—Within a few hours of abandoning the search for possible survivors of the SS Pennsylvania, the ship's owners were in federal court here trying to limit damages to the crew's relatives.

The States Steamship Co. petitioned for exoneration of liability. The ship disappeared Jan. 9 in the Pacific.

According to one attorney, the company's move if successful might deny to relatives of the 46 dead up to \$2,000,000 in damages.

In the event exoneration is not granted, the company asks that its liability be limited to \$161,000, which it says is its interest in the cargo. It claims it has no interest in the ship itself. Since the cargo was insured, the company's losses would be next to nothing.

What's On? Coming

A CONFERENCE on American-Soviet Relations. Can the two countries cooperate for World Peace? A whole day conference—Saturday, Feb. 14, 1952 at the Seaside Hotel—Fifth Ave. at 8th St. Sessions from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with luncheon served. Admission including lunch \$2.00. Students, including lunch \$1.25. Moderator, Dr. Alpheus Huxton. Leaders of the conference Dr. Harry Grundfest, Mr. Hugh Deane, Mr. Victor Perlo and Miss Jessica Smith. For reservations write or phone: Nat'l Council American-Soviet Friendship, 114 E. 32nd St., New York City, MU 3-3080.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN HONOR of Claudia Jones, Thursday, Feb. 21, 1952 at 8 p.m. at the United Mutual Auditorium, 310 Lenox Ave. Subscriptions: 21. Cultural program featuring: Earl Jones, Beulah Richardson, Lucy Brown and many others. Sponsored by Claudia Jones Birthday Committee—Save the date.

ENJOY WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND, Feb. 24th at Nature Friends Camp Midvale (Midvale, New Jersey) at rates you can afford. About \$5.00 a day including everything. Winter Carnival (weather permitting): skiing, skating, entertainment, folk and social dancing. Only one hour from New York City. For further information call TRIZONE 5-2100.

DANCE—"Towards Bright Tomorrow" and Freedom of Roosevelt Ward, Jr. Gala Affair on March 1st at the Penthouse, 13 Astor Pl. Music by Bill Bentley's Starlighters. Tickets \$1.00 in adv. \$1.25 at the door (tax incl.) Available at Workers, Jeff School bookshops, LYL Office, 799 Broadway.

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